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Contrary to the popular idea, Mr. Crowe is a man of intelligence and refinement and



As He is Today, Happy With His Family

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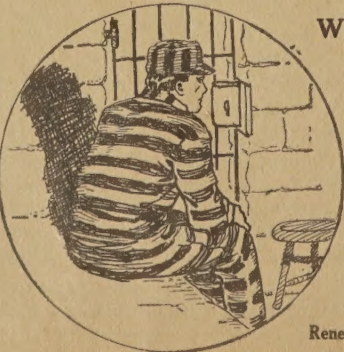
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THE FIRST CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

BY BRUCE BARTON

MADE thoughtless by the fatuous belief that the resources of our land were inexhaustible, we Americans have thrown away our substance at a sinful rate. Take our coal, for instance. The present methods of mining coal are almost inconceivably wasteful. The practice is to take out hardly half the coal, leaving the less easily mined and lower grade material to be made permanently inaccessible by the caving in of the mines. Nor is this all. Of the 150,000,000 tons annually burned on our railroads, it is asserted that scarcely five per cent is actually converted into energy and used in traction, and even the highest grade electric light plants are unable to turn into light more than one per cent of the coal consumed. The total deposits of coal in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, aggregate 200,000,000,000 tons. This amount would form a cube seven and a half miles on a side, or a layer over the whole area of the United States six feet thick. Such a supply seems in truth inexhaustible, yet if the consumption increases at the rate of the past few decades, the supply will be entirely used up within a hundred years.

The case of the forests is even more startling. The lowest estimate places the remaining timber in the country at 1,400,000,000,000 feet, board measure, and the highest at 2,000,000,000,000. The present annual consumption is 100,000,000,000 feet, while the annual growth is but one-third of the standing timber and the larger estimate of the annual growth, and applying the present annual rate of consumption, the result shows the probable exhaustion of our timber supply in thirty-three years.

But more important than the relation of the destruction of the forest to our industries is its relation to the waste of our soil itself. The loss of the trees results, as everyone knows, in what is called soil erosion. The spring floods, instead of oozing off the hill-sides gradually, tear down unrestrained, carrying quantities of earth and tearing great furrows in the hill-sides. Years ago, when the destruction of our forests had scarcely begun, it was estimated by skilled engineers that the Mississippi in each twelve months carried down 400,000,000 tons of sediment, which is, roughly speaking, about twice the amount of material to be excavated from the Panama canal. It has been tersely declared by Gifford Pinchot that "this material is the most fertile portion of our richest fields, transformed from a blessing to a curse by unrestricted erosion."

When we know thus how great the problem is, we are not surprised that it should be the first of our national ques-

tions deemed important enough to call for a conference between the President and the governors of our states. Not even in the dark days of the rebellion was there any question so serious as to call for such a conference. The gathering which was held last May in the historic East room of the White House, was not merely, then, a great national conference, it was the greatest conference which our country has ever seen.

The preparations made for the gathering were so extensive as to show a just appreciation of its importance. Along the east wall of the historic room was placed a combined framework fifty-two feet in length and nineteen feet high, artistically covered with green velvet trimmed with gold rope. The framework was arranged to provide a striking setting for our mineral resources, and the second the other natural resources of the country. They are said to be the largest maps ever constructed, and were frequently referred to by the governors and other prominent men in the discussions.

The conference was opened by the President himself in a speech which gave the keynote to the addresses and discussion which followed.

Those who expected the conference to recommend immediate legislation will be disappointed. On the other hand, the great crowd of business men who have had experience with conferences, and accordingly expected nothing, will be pleased. The governors agreed in the first place to meet again later.

In the second place, they adopted a set of resolutions which, while general in their character, nevertheless show clearly that the nation's executives are fully aroused to the seriousness of the situation. They say among other things:

"We declare our firm conviction that the conserva-

tion of our natural resources is a subject of transcendent importance, which should engage unremittingly the attention of the nation, the states, and the people in earnest co-operation. * * * We agree that the land should be so used that erosion and soil wash should cease; that there should be reclamation of arid and semi-arid regions by means of irrigation, and of swamp and overflow regions by means of drainage; that the waters should be so conserved and used as to promote navigation, to enable the arid regions to be reclaimed by irrigation, and to develop power in the interests of the people; that the forests, which regulate our rivers, support our industries, and promote the fertility and productiveness of the soil, should be preserved and perpetuated; that the minerals found so abundantly beneath the surface should be so used as to prolong their utility; that the beauty, healthfulness, and habitability of our country should be preserved and increased; that the sources of national wealth exist for the benefit of all the people, and that the monopoly thereof should not be tolerated."

The conference was, indeed, a dignified discussion of a great problem by truly great men, and succeeded in establishing that spirit of co-operation between the states and the national government which will insure the elimination of what Mr. Bryan called "that twilight zone between the nation and the state in which exploiting interests can take refuge from both."

But greater than the direct results are the indirect results following its sessions. No more effective means could have been devised for creating a nation-wide interest in the conservation of our resources, which will insure local co-operation everywhere.



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PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNORS AND GUESTS

This photograph was taken at the front door of the White House. Seated, from left to right, are Governor Dawson, of West Virginia; Governor Harris, of Ohio; Governor Hughes, of New York; Governor Davidson, of Wisconsin; Andrew Carnegie, William J. Bryan, James J. Hill, John Mitchell, President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, Justice Harlan, Justice Brewer, Justice White, Justice McKenna, Justice Holmes, Justice Day, Justice Moody, and Secretary Cortelyou. The most prominent figure in the background, second from the doorway on the right, is Governor Johnson, of Minnesota.

MARCH OF THE WHITE GUARD

By SIR GILBERT PARKER

[SYNOPSIS.—A letter comes to a Hudson Bay Company post at Fort Providence, urging that search be made for a civil engineer, La Page by name, who had not been heard from for over nine months. The letter was signed by the man's wife. Jasper Hume, the sub-factor at the post, consented to conduct an expedition into the frozen North to rescue La Page, though the latter, in earlier life, had betrayed his friendship, defrauded him of a most valuable invention, and by means most unfair, supplanted him in the affections of the woman he fondly loved—her who wrote the appealing letter that search be made for her husband. Hume makes up his party for the perilous journey.]

PART II.

WITH a good man to lead them they would have stormed, alone, the Heights of Balaklava.

Once more Jasper Hume spoke: "Go to Gosse and get your outfits at nine tomorrow morning. Cloud-in-the-Sky, have your sleds at the store at eight o'clock, to be loaded. Then all meet at 10:15 at the office of the chief factor. Good night."

As they passed out into the semi-Arctic night, Late Carscallen with an unreal obstinacy said, "Slow march to the Barren Grounds; but who leads?"

Left alone, the sub-factor sat down to the pine table at one end of the room, and after a short hesitation began to write. For hours he sat there, rising only to put wood on the fire. The result was three letters, the largest addressed to a famous society in London, one to a solicitor in Montreal, and one to Mr. Field, the chief factor. They were all sealed carefully. Then Jasper Hume rose, took out his knife and went over to the box as if to break the red seal. He paused, however, sighed, and put the knife back again. As he did so he felt something touch his leg. It was the dog. Jasper Hume drew in a sharp breath and said: "It is all ready, Jacques, and in another three months I should have been in London with it. But it will go whether I go or not—whether I go or not, Jacques." The dog sprang up and put his head against his master's breast.

"Good dog! good dog! It's all right, Jacques; however it goes, it's all right!"

Then the dog lay down and watched the man until he drew the blankets to his chin, and sleep drew oblivion over a fighting but masterly soul.

At 10 o'clock next morning Jasper Hume presented himself at the chief factor's office. He bore with him the letters he had written the night before.

The factor said, "Well, Hume, I am glad to see you. That woman's letter was on my mind all night. Have you anything to propose? I suppose not," he added despairingly, as he looked closely into the face of the other.

"Yes, Mr. Field, I propose this: that the expedition shall start at noon today."

"Shall—start—at—noon—today?"

"In two hours."

"But, who are the party?"

"Jeff Hyde, Gaspe Toujours, Late Carscallen, and Cloud-in-the-Sky."

"And who leads them, Hume? Who leads?"

"With your permission, sir, I do."

"You, Hume! You! But, man, consider the danger! And then there is—there is, your invention!"

"I have considered all. Here are three letters. If we do not come back in three months, you will please send this one, with the box in my room, to the address on the envelope; this is for a solicitor in Montreal, which you will also forward as soon as possible; this last one is for yourself; but you will not open it until three months have passed. Have I your permission to lead these men? They would not go without me."

"I know that, I know that, Hume. I hate to have you go, but I can't say no. Go, and good luck go with you."

Here the manly old factor turned away his head.



CLOUD IN THE SKY

He knew that Jasper Hume had done right. He knew the possible sacrifice this man was making of all his hopes, of his very life; and his sound Scotch heart appreciated the act to the full. But he did not know all. He did not know that Jasper Hume was starting to look for the man who had robbed him of youth and hope and genius and home.

"Here is a letter that the wife has written to her husband in the hope that he is alive. You will take it with you, Hume. And the other she wrote to me, shall I keep it?" He held out his hand.

"No, sir; I will keep it, if you will allow me. It is my commission, you know," and the shadow of a smile hovered about Jasper Hume's lips.

The factor smiled kindly as he replied, "Ah, yes, your commission—Captain Jasper Hume of—of what, Hume?"

Just then the door opened and there entered the four men whom we saw around the sub-factor's fire the night before. They were dressed in white blanket costumes from head to foot, white woollen capotes covering the gray fur caps they wore.

Jasper Hume ran his eyes over them and then answered the factor's question: "Of the White Guard, sir."

"Good," was the reply. "Men, you are going on a relief expedition—one in which there is danger. You need a good leader. You have one in Captain Jasper Hume."

Jeff Hyde shook his head at the others with a pleased I-told-you-so expression; Cloud-in-the-Sky grunted his deep approval; and Late Carscallen smacked his lips in a satisfied manner and rubbed his leg with a school boy sense of enjoyment. The factor continued: "In the name of the Hudson Bay Company I will say that if you come back, having done your duty faithfully, you shall be well rewarded. And I believe you will come back, if it is in human power to do so."

Here Jeff Hyde said: "It isn't for reward we're doin' it, Mr. Field, but because Captain Hume wished it, because we believed he'd lead us; and for the lost fellow's wife. We wouldn't have said we'd do it, if it wasn't for him that's just called us the White Guard."

Under the bronze of the sub-factor's face there spread a glow more red than brown, and he said

simply, "Thank you, men"—for they had all nodded assent to Jeff Hyde's words: "Come with me to the store. We will start at noon."

And at noon the White Guard stood in front of the store on which the British flag was hoisted with another beneath it bearing the magic letters, H. B. C.; magic, because they have opened to the world regions that seemed destined never to know the touch of civilization. The few inhabitants of the fort had gathered; the dogs and loaded sleds were at the door. The White Guard were there, too—all but their leader. It wanted but two minutes to twelve when Jasper Hume came from his house, dressed in the white blanket costume, and followed by his dog, Jacques. In a moment more he had placed Jacques at the head of the first team of dogs. They were to have their leader, too; and they testified to the fact by a bark of approval. Punctually at noon, Jasper Hume shook hands with the factor, said a quick good-bye to the rest, called out a friendly "How!" to the Indians standing near, and to the sound of a hearty cheer, heartier, perhaps, because none had a confident hope that the five would come back, the march of the White Guard began.

* * *

It is eighteen days after. In the shadow of a little island of pines, that lies in a shivering waste of ice and snow, the White Guard camp. They are able to do this night what they have not done for days—dig a great grave of snow, and building a fire of pine wood at each end of this strange house, get protection and something like comfort. They sit close to the fires. Jasper Hume is writing with numbed fingers. The extract that follows is taken from his diary. It tells that day's life and so gives an idea of harder, sterner days that they have spent and will spend, on this weary journey.

"December 25th—This is Christmas day and camp twenty-seven. We have marched only five miles to-day. We are eighty miles from Great Fish river, and the worst yet to do. We have discovered no signs. Jeff Hyde has had a bad two days with his frozen foot. Gaspe Toujours helps him nobly. One of the dogs died this morning. Jacques is a great leader. This night's shelter is a godsend. Cloud-in-the-Sky has a plan whereby some of us will sleep well. We are in latitude 63 deg. 47 min. and longitude 112 deg. 32 min 14 sec. Have worked out lunar observations. Have marked a tree J. H. and raised cairn No. 3. We are able to celebrate Christmas day with a good basin of tea, and our standby of beans cooked in fat. I was right about them; they have great sustaining power. Tomorrow we will start at 10 o'clock."

The writing done, Jasper Hume puts his book away and turns toward the rest. Cloud-in-the-Sky and Late Carscallen are smoking. Little can be seen of their faces; they are muffled to the eyes. Gaspe Toujours is drinking a basin of tea, Jeff Hyde is fitfully dozing by the fire. The dogs are above in the tent, all but Jacques, who tonight is permitted to be near his master. The sub-factor rises, takes from a knapsack a small tin pail, and puts it near the fire. This operation is watched by the others. Then he takes five little cups that fit snugly into each other, separates them, and puts them also near the fire. None of the party speak. A change seems to pass over the faces of all except Cloud-in-the-Sky. He smokes on unmoved. At length the sub-factor speaks cheerily: "Now, men, before we turn in we'll do something in honor of the day. Liquor we none of us have touched since we started; but back there in the fort, and maybe in other places, too, they will be thinking of us; so we'll drink a health to them though it's but a spoonful, and to the day when we see them again!"

(To be continued.)

THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By C. TOWNSEND WELLS

THE eyes of the nation were turned toward Washington, the second week of December on account of the meeting in that city of the National Conservation Commission. This notable meeting was known as the Joint Conservation Conference. The purpose was to discuss the great plan for the conservation of the country's natural resources, which was started by the President, governors, and other distinguished citizens at their memorable conference at the White House last May.

The recent joint conference included, besides the governors and their advisers, representative citizens from all parts of the country, heads of great national industrial and commercial organizations, and some of the nation's most talented and distinguished men. Among them were Andrew Carnegie, the iron king; James J. Hill, the great railroad builder; John Mitchell, the labor leader; John Hays Hammond, the celebrated mining engineer, whose salary is said to reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year; United States senators and representatives in Congress, and a score or more of men whose names are inseparably associated with the country's progress.

The body that includes more of these distinguished citizens than perhaps any other organization in the United States, is the National Conservation Commission, which arranged the recent conference. The commission, whose creation was recommended by the governors at the White House conference, was named by President Roosevelt last June. It went to work at once and in the six months that have intervened it has accomplished one of the most stupendous tasks ever entrusted to any organization of men. In that time, with the help of the government departments and the states, it has made the first inventory of natural resources ever attempted in this or any other country. Results of its work were laid before the conference.

The accomplishment of this gigantic task was made possible through the efficient organization of the commission. The President in naming it di-



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FORESTRY

1—Reed Smoot, Utah, Chairman; 2—J. B. White, Mo.; 3—Henry S. Graves, Yale Forest School; 4—Wm. Irvine, Wis.; 5—Albert I. Beveridge, Ind.; 6—Newton C. Blanchard, La.; 7—Chas. F. Scott, Kans.; 8—Chas. L. Pack, N. J.; 9—Champ Clark, Mo.; 10—Gustav H. Schwab, N. Y.; 11—Overton W. Price, Forest Service; 12—Irving Fisher, Conn.

LANDS

26—Knut Nelson, Minn.; Chairman; 27—N. B. Broward, Fla.; 28—Jas. J. Hill, Minn.; 29—Geo. C. Pardee, Calif.; 30—Francis E. Warren, Wyo.; 31—Chas. Macdonald, N. Y.; 32—Swager Shirley, Ky.; 33—Murdo Mackenzie, Col.; 34—Herbert Parsons, N. Y.; 35—Frank C. Goudy, Col.; 36—Geo. W. Woodruff, Int. Dept.; 37—T. C. Chamberlain, Univ. of Chicago.

25—GIFFORD PINCHOT, CHAIRMAN

MINERALS

13—John Dailzell, Pa., Chairman; 14—Philo Hall, S. C.; 15—Jas. L. Slayden, Tex.; 16—Andrew Carnegie, New York; 17—Jos. M. Dixon, Mont.; 18—Chas. R. Van Hise, Wis.; 19—Frank P. Flint, Calif.; 20—John Mitchell, Ill.; 21—Lee S. Overman, N. C.; 22—I. C. White, W. Va.; 23—J. A. Holmes, Geological Survey; 24—John Hays Hammond, Mass.

WATERWAYS

38—Theo. E. Burton, Ohio, Chairman; 39—Wm. Warner, Mo.; 40—Jno. H. Bankhead, Ala.; 41—W. J. McGee, Bureau of Soils; 42—Francis G. Newlands, Nev.; 43—F. H. Newell, Reclamation Service; 44—Jonathan P. Dolliver, Iowa; 45—Herbert Knox Smith, Bureau of Corporations; 46—Thos. R. Shipp, Secy. of Commission; 47—G. F. Swain, Mass. Inst. of Technology; 48—W. L. Marshall, Brig. Gen. U. S. Army Chief of Engineers; 49—Jos. E. Ransdell, Louisiana.

vided it into four general sections—waters, forests, lands, and minerals. Each section is headed by either a United States senator or a representative in Congress. To Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States Forest Service, was given the responsibility of the chairmanship. Only with the counsel and advice of the senators, representatives, and experts on the commission, was he able to get the monstrous task by this time so well in hand. Now the next step is to consider and act upon the practical recommendations looking toward the development and wise use of the resources which the inventory shows the nation to possess.

The inventory itself which attracted attention at first largely because of the spectacular immensity and novelty of the project, is completely overshadowed

now by the question of what is going to be done about it. Statisticians and experts have deduced the meaning and significance of the startling figures and filled page upon page with the typewritten results. The essence of all this is being extracted for the report to the President for submission to Congress. The commission did well to put the finishing touches upon this report after the joint conference with the governors and its other co-operators and consider that it had done a big job.

But enough figures were quoted at the White House conference, last May, to prove that the situation with regard to our national resources is one that is full of danger and that suitable remedies are imperative. The fuller and more complete figures which the commission has collected and tabulated since that time, can verify or modify the statement of the case that was made then. In the meantime the governors have been appointing state conservation commissions and practically all national organizations which are in any way concerned with our natural resources have created special conservation committees. And these commissions and committees have been at work. All of which were represented at the joint conference last month with a purpose to accomplish something. The problem

was to decide on a program of action that will result in the greatest amount of actual achievement. Necessarily, the whole range of conservation is too wide and big to be taken up at one time and pushed to a successful conclusion. The task of the joint conference was to select the parts of the problem, the solution of which seems most urgent.

The conservation of our natural resources has become a practical problem, the solution of which is a matter of vital interest to the whole country. It has passed beyond a question of interest simply to scholars and experts and has become one of general interest to all the people. The conservation movement presents many varied phases. It is to the more practical phases that the conservation commission intends to devote itself.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

An Eloquent and Powerful Plea for the Preservation of Our Great National Heritage

By PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

DISREGARDING for the moment the question of moral purpose, it is safe to say that the prosperity of our people depends directly on the energy and intelligence with which our natural resources are used. It is equally clear that these resources are the final basis of national power and perpetuity. Finally, it is ominously evident that these resources are in the course of rapid exhaustion.

This nation began with the belief that its landed possessions were illimitable and capable of supporting all the people who might care to make our country their home; but already the limit of unsettled land is in sight, and indeed but little land fitted for agriculture now remains unoccupied save what can be reclaimed by irrigation and drainage. We began with an unapproached heritage of forests; more than half of the timber is gone. We began with coal fields more extensive than those of any other nation and with iron ores regarded as inexhaustible, and many experts now declare that the end of both iron and coal is in sight.

The mere increase in our consumption of coal during 1907 over 1906 exceeded the total consumption in 1876, the Centennial year. The enormous stores of mineral oil and gas are largely gone. Our natural waterways are not gone, but they have been so injured by neglect, and by the division of responsibility and utter lack of system in dealing with them, that there is less navigation on them now than there was fifty years ago. Finally, we began with soils of unexampled fertility, and we have so impoverished them by injudicious use and by failing to check erosion that their crop producing power is diminishing instead of increasing. In a word, we have thoughtlessly, and to a large degree unnecessarily, diminished the resources upon which not only our prosperity but the prosperity of our children must always depend.

We have become great because of the lavish use of our resources and we have just reason to be proud of our growth. But the time has come to inquire seriously what will happen when our forests are gone, when the coal, the iron, the oil, and the gas are exhausted, when the soils shall have been still further impoverished and washed into the streams, polluting the rivers, denuding the fields, and obstructing navigation. These questions do not relate only to the next century or to the next generation. It is time for us now as a nation to exercise the same reasonable foresight in dealing with our great natural resources that would be shown by any prudent man in conserving and wisely using the property which contains the assurance of well-being for himself and his children.

The natural resources I have enumerated can be divided into two sharply distinguished classes accordingly as they are or are not capable of renewal. Mines if used must necessarily be exhausted. The minerals do not and can not renew themselves. Therefore in dealing with the coal, the oil, the gas, the iron, the metals generally, all that we can do is to try to see that they are wisely used. The exhaustion is certain to come in time.

The second class of resources consists of those which can not only be used in such manner as to leave them undiminished for our children, but can actually be improved by wise use. The soil, the forests, the waterways come in this category. In dealing with mineral resources, man is able to improve on nature only by putting the resources to a beneficial use which in the end exhausts them; but in dealing with the soil and its products man can improve on nature by compelling the resources to renew and even reconstruct themselves in such manner as to serve increasingly beneficial uses—while the living waters can be so controlled as to multiply their benefits.

Neither the primitive man nor the pioneer was

aware of any duty to posterity in dealing with the renewable resources. When the American settler felled the forests, he felt that there was plenty of forest for the sons who came after him. When he exhausted the soil of his farm he felt that his son could go West and take up another. So it was with his immediate successors. When the soil-wash from the farmer's fields choked the neighboring river he thought only of using the railway rather than boats for moving his produce and supplies.

Now all this is changed. On the average the son of the farmer of today must make his living on his father's farm. There is no difficulty in doing this if the father will exercise wisdom. No wise use of a farm exhausts its fertility. So with the forests. We are over the verge of a timber famine in this country, and it is unpardonable for the nation or the states to permit any further cutting of our timber save in accordance with a system which will provide that the next generation shall see the timber increased instead of diminished. Moreover, we can add enormous tracts of the most valuable possible agricultural land to the national domain by irrigation in the arid and semi-arid regions and by drainage of great tracts of swamp land in the humid regions. We can enormously increase our transportation facilities by the canalization of our rivers so as to complete a great system of waterways on the Pacific, Atlantic, and Gulf coasts and in the Mississippi Valley, from the Great Plains to the Alleghenies, and from the northern lakes to the mouth of the mighty Father of Waters. But all these various uses of our natural resources are so closely connected that they should be co-ordinated, and should be treated as part of one coherent plan and not in haphazard and piecemeal fashion.

It is largely because of this that I appointed the waterways commission last year and that I have

sought to perpetuate its work. I wish to take this opportunity to express in heartiest fashion my acknowledgment to all the members of the commission. At great personal sacrifice of time and effort they have rendered a service to the public for which we can not be too grateful. Especial credit is due to the initiative, the energy, the devotion to duty and the farsightedness of Gifford Pinchot, to whom we owe so much of the progress we have already made in handling this matter of the co-ordination and conservation of natural resources. If it had not been for him this convention neither would nor could have been called.

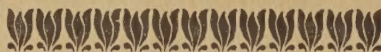
We are coming to recognize as never before the right of the nation to guard the actual destruction of such resources or by making them impossible of development hereafter.

Any right thinking father earnestly desires and strives to leave his son both an untarnished name and a reasonable equipment for the struggle of life. So this nation as a whole should earnestly desire and strive to leave to the next generation the national honor unstained and the national resources unexhausted. There are signs that both the nation and the states are waking to a realization of this great truth. On March 10, 1908, the supreme court of Maine rendered an exceedingly important judicial decision. This opinion was rendered in response to questions as to the right of the legislature to restrict the cutting of trees on private land for the prevention of droughts and floods, the preservation of the natural water supply, and the prevention of the erosion of such lands, and the consequent filling up of rivers, ponds, and lakes. The forests and water power of Maine constitute the larger part of her wealth and form the basis of her industrial life, and the question submitted by the Maine senate to the supreme court and the answer of the supreme court alike bear testimony to the wisdom of the people of Maine, and clearly define a policy of conservation of natural resources, the adoption of which is of vital importance not merely to Maine but to the whole country.

Such a policy will preserve soil, forests, water power as a heritage for the children and the children's children of the men and women of this generation; for any enactment that provides for the wise utilization of the forests, whether in public or private ownership, and for the conservation of the water resources of the country must necessarily be legislation that will promote both private and public welfare; for flood prevention, water power development, preservation of the soil, and improvement of navigable rivers are all promoted by such a policy of forest conservation.

The opinion of the Maine supreme bench sets forth unequivocally the principle that the property rights of the individual are subordinate to the rights of the community, and especially that the waste of wild timber land derived originally from the state, involving as it would the impoverishment of the state and its people and thereby defeating one great purpose of government, may properly be prevented by state restrictions.

Finally, let us remember that the conservation of our natural resources though the gravest problem of today, is yet but part of another and greater problem to which this nation is not yet awake, but to which it will awake in time, and with which it must hereafter grapple if it is to live—the problem of national efficiency, the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of the nation. When the people of the United States consciously undertake to raise themselves as citizens, and the nation and the states in their several spheres, to the highest pitch of excellence in private, state, and national life, and to do this because it is the first of all the duties of true patriotism, then and not till then the future of this nation, in quality and in time, will be assured.



She Always Made Home Happy

By Alonzo Rice

"She always made home happy," were the words I one day read
On a little snow-white tombstone, in the city of the dead.
I had not ever heard of her that slept beneath the mound,
But I knew that none more worthy on the earth was ever found.

"She always made home happy," oh! the magic of that line,
It weds itself to memory as something half divine!
The advent of her coming to the ones in sore distress,
Was as cheering as the mounting lark that soars to sing and bless.

The doorway that she entered in, did sorrow there abide?
The head she pillowed on her breast, had something been denied?
The sunshine lay upon her path like bars of beaten gold;
"She always made home happy," and the tale was quickly told.

By withers of the brier rose trained by loving hands she's bound
Within the quiet precincts of that little grassy mound;
But never mausoleum decked with sculptures fine and fair,
Reveals the sweet affection of the roses blooming there!



THE TRAGEDY OF FOREST FIRES

By C. B. JAMES

SURELY forest fires are tragedies. Danger, destruction, devastation, disaster, and desolation follow ever in their wake. The terrible work of the flames during 1908, which have burned over and destroyed millions of acres of timber and property to the value of millions in the Lake States, and elsewhere also, recalls to memory other great forest fires which have attained historic importance.

The Miramichi Fire, 1825

One of the earliest of these was the great Miramichi fire of 1825. It began its destructive work about one o'clock in the afternoon of October 7 of that year, at a place about sixty miles above the town of Newcastle, on the Miramichi River, in New Brunswick. Before ten o'clock at night, it was twenty miles below Newcastle. In nine hours it had destroyed a belt of forest eighty miles long and twenty-five miles wide. Over more than two and one-half million acres almost every living thing was killed. Even the fish were afterwards found dead in heaps on the river banks. Five hundred and ninety buildings were burned, and a number of towns, including Newcastle, Chatham, and Douglastown, were destroyed. One hundred and sixty persons perished, and nearly a thousand head of stock. The loss from the Miramichi fire is estimated at \$300,000, not including the value of the timber.

The Peshtigo Fire, 1871

The Peshtigo fire of October, 1871, was still more severe than the Miramichi. It covered an area of more than 2,000 square miles in Wisconsin, involving many millions of dollars. Between 1,200 and 1,500 persons perished, including nearly half the population of Peshtigo, at that time a town of 2,000 inhabitants. Other fires at about the same time were most destructive in Michigan. A strip about forty miles wide and 180 miles long, extending clear across the central part of the State, from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron, was devastated. The estimated loss in timber was about 4,000,000,000 feet, board measure, and in money, over \$10,000,000. Several hundred persons perished.

Great Fires in Michigan, 1881

In the early part of September, 1881, great fires covered more than 1,800 square miles in various



A Forest Fire in Colorado

parts of Michigan. The estimated loss, in property, in addition to many hundred thousand acres of valuable timber, was more than \$2,300,000. Over 5,000 persons were made destitute, and the number of lives lost is variously estimated at from 150 to 500.

Hinckley Fire, 1908

The most destructive fire of more recent years was that which started near Hinckley, Minnesota, September 1, 1894. While the area burned over was less than in some other great fires, the loss of life and property was very heavy. Hinckley and six other towns were destroyed; about 500 lives were lost; more than 2,000 persons were left destitute, and the estimated loss in property of various kinds was \$25,000,000. Except for the heroic conduct of locomotive engineers and other railroad men, the loss of life would have been much greater.

Forest Fires General During 1908

The forest fire disasters in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin are the worst that have visited the Lake States for many years. Other sections have also suffered in like manner during the spring and summer months, and the people of the Pacific Coast, the Rocky Mountain, and the New England States and Canada have had a thorough and, in some cases, a continuous experience in fire fighting. Reports received by the Forest Service at Washington, from Hon. Hugh Maxwell, chairman of the West Virginia

Conservation Commission, show that every one of the fifty-five counties had one or more fires, some being small and spreading through a few woodlots only, others covering more than 50,000 acres. The area burned aggregated 1,700,000 acres, approximately one-fifth of the wooded area of the State. Timber burned amounted to more than 943,500,000 feet, board measure, about three per cent of the entire estimated standing timber, large and small, in the State, or two-thirds of the output of all the sawmills of West Virginia in 1907. The money losses were heavy, \$2,903,500 in timber destroyed and \$490,175 in other property. Adding to this, losses from injury to undergrowth and soil, \$1,703,850, we have a grand total of \$5,097,825 in the one small State of West Virginia, and yet, wonderful to relate, that commonwealth spent, last year, in suppressing forest fires, just \$646.

The Great Chisholm Fire, 1908

By far the most disastrous fire of the year which has just passed into history was that which destroyed the little city of Chisholm, on the Mesaba iron range in Minnesota, involving a loss of fully \$1,500,000 worth of property and leaving 5,000 people destitute and homeless. It was five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, September 5, that the fire entered the city in the clutch of a gale from the northwest and laid the place in ruins in less time than it takes to tell it. Up to within a half hour before the flames caught the town, the people were confident that there was no danger, and, with few exceptions, went about their business as usual. A most remarkable incident of this great conflagration was that the two churches, the beautiful \$125,000 high school, the grammar school, and two blocks of dwellings on opposite sides of town were not burned. This was thought to be due to a peculiar shifting of the wind. A most fortunate thing about the fire was, that it found Chisholm awake, and consequently there was no loss of life. Had the conflagration been at night-time, the human slaughter would have been horrible beyond description. Indeed, and of a truth, forest fires are tragedies. Another truth that should sink deep into the American consciousness is this: They are avoidable tragedies.

THE SECOND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

By J. B. COURSEN

WITH President-elect Taft presiding and President Roosevelt as the chief speaker, the second Conservation Conference was opened auspiciously in Washington, December 8, 1908. There were present governors of twenty-odd states, the Secretary of War, Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Senators of the United States, Representatives in Congress, officials of the District government, and other men of prominence and distinction. Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, completed the list of speakers.

The President and Mr. Taft each made an address and both unreservedly voiced their belief in the wisdom and right of Federal bond issues for the founding of permanent national improvements when it is not feasible to pay for such improvements out of the current revenues of the government.

The President addressed the meeting, and among other things said: "I welcome you here as our guests to Washington and to the work you have gathered to do. No service to the nation in time

of peace could be of greater value than the work which has brought you together. Your task is to make the country's future as great as its present is. Conservation means that our country shall not become great in the present at the expense of the future, but that it shall be preserved for our children and our children's children. That is the greatest task that we have to perform today, and I thank you for undertaking it.

"Let us proceed immediately with the construction of the waterways, for which plans have been already approved, and which we are now certain will fit into the outlines of the general plan.

"If we can pay the cost from current revenues, let us do so. If not, let us issue bonds. By either method, let us have the waterways, and that quickly.

"Forests and waterways cannot be separated in any successful treatment of either. Forest protection and river development must go hand in hand. The three things which should be done without further delay are, therefore:

"First, to provide for a comprehensive plan of

waterway development. Second, to begin at once on work already planned that will surely fit into the larger plan. Third, to provide amply for forest protection against fire, against reckless cutting, against wanton or reckless destruction of all kinds, and to secure the Appalachian and White Mountain national forests without delay."

Governor Chamberlain and Mr. Taft both made strong addresses, bringing out the question as to whether the movement should be made national, and whether the constitution, as it stands, will cover it, or whether the states should undertake the work severally.

Mr. Taft, in the course of his speech, said: "I agree with what the President has said about the issuance of Federal bonds for the funding of permanent national improvements. * * * It is a mere question of economic policy, and the mere fear of criticism because an administration has issued bonds should not prevent us from doing justice to ourselves and posterity."

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WINNING HIS LEGACY BY MARY ELLA LEVY

Elmer Perkins considered a moment, then arose and pushed back his chair. "If I am to marry, it may as well be Miss Webb as anyone," he said in a careless tone.

"There are not many who would refuse the prospects which lie before you," his friend replied. "The girl is well worth winning, to say nothing of your uncle's vast estate."

"That may be, but a life that is free is the life for me," and taking his hat, Elmer hurried to the gate, where his horse stood waiting.

"Our fun is over, old boy," he said, as he patted the mane of his steed. "No more camping, nor rough mountain tramps. We shall have to drink violet tea, or play Miss Propriety in some feminine form." And with a sigh he sprang to his saddle, while his horse's eager trot soon brought him to the entrance of a fine mansion sheltered by stately pines.

A maid opened the door.

"Is Miss Webb in?" he inquired, handing her a card.

"No, sir," the maid replied. "She has left the house for good, sir."

"Left?" And at these words he paused in amazement. "But this is her home. Why did she leave?" he questioned in a troubled tone.

"She said it was not her home, sir, and when her guardian died, she packed her goods and went away at once."

Elmer stepped hurriedly into the hall, where everything looked as he could remember it, when as a boy it had been his home. After several years of travel he had learned of his uncle's death, and also the contents of his will which bequeathed him a large fortune on condition that he would consent to marry the old gentleman's ward, a girl whom he had never seen.

He called for the housekeeper, who came quickly forward, but she could tell him nothing of Miss Webb. The girl had gone away, that was all they knew. She would not be thrown at any man's head, she had declared; and being told of her self-dependent nature, Elmer could understand at once how any lady under those circumstances would feel.

"She must return," he said simply. But turn-

ing again to the street, he could think of no way in which he could persuade her to do so.

He rode back to the city, and crossing the crowded square, had just turned down a quiet street, when his horse, springing to one side, stood on his hind legs, while something whisked out with lightning rapidity from under his feet.

"Why don't you look where you are driving?" a voice cried in an excited tone. "I never saw such carelessness. You need not apologize," for Elmer was on his feet by this time, "You simply ran over me; that is all."

Elmer knelt to gather up the contents of a small bag which had fallen from her hand. In doing so a card lay at his feet, and what was his surprise to read upon it the name of Miss Julia Webb. He thrust it into the bag, that she might not know of his discovery; for Elmer Perkins had for the first time in his life seen the face of a maiden whom he could admire. Even with the quick tone, and look of disgust which still lingered on her face, there was something in the luminous brown eyes, the wind-tossed hair and flashing white teeth, that won his affection.

He had scarcely spoken as yet, as they had been desperately at work to rescue herself and her belongings. Now as they stood on the walk, she glanced up to find him looking down at her with a steady, wistful expression, which caused her scowls to turn to a mischievous smile.

"I have been very cross," she said blushing; "but this is one of those things that I object to, being run over bodily."

"I do not blame you," he replied; "Jack, my horse, shall apologize. But are you sure you are not hurt?"

"Quite so, and now I must hurry, for it is getting late."

"Will you allow me to call in the morning?" he asked, "that I may be assured of your escape from harm?"

"Yes—if you care about it," she answered hesitatingly. "I am staying with a friend at No. — Oak Avenue, and you may call for Miss Webb."

"My name is Blair," he replied, not knowing at the moment why he should wish to deceive her, only that he was bound to win, if possible, the love

of this girl, for he realized even on so short an acquaintance the alternative which failure would now mean. He comforted himself, as he watched her disappearing down the street, that he had told no lie, although few of his acquaintances knew that his middle name was Blair; and, going to his hotel, his thoughts were centered on this fair maid and what the future might contain if he could win her love.

The next morning he was at the door of the address she had given, as early as he had thought it proper to call, and, inquiring for Miss Webb, was shown into the cosy parlor. In a few moments she appeared, looking as fresh as the roses he had brought her. He placed them in her hand, saying:

"I am pleased to find you looking so well and hope to learn that both Jack and I are freely forgiven for our carelessness."

"Oh, yes," she replied, laughing good naturedly. "We will shake hands; no go between you two, Mr. Blair, and I sincerely hope that neither you nor Jack will worry any more about it."

"I am glad that there is no need for us to do so." And when later he took his leave, he begged permission to extend their acquaintance, by allowing Jack to take them out driving. "The country is beautiful, and it would give me much pleasure," he added eagerly.

So a day was set for the drive, and, speeding over the country roads, Julia thought it the most delightful outing she had ever enjoyed.

"The sun shines brighter in the country," she said, as Jack was now climbing a long hill. "And look at those violets. It seems to me that I never saw them so blue before."

"That proves that you are happy," Elmer replied, "for you know that all the world looks brighter when one is in a happy mood." And dashing on through forests and meadows, their conversation flowed so freely that by the time they returned to the city they both felt that their acquaintance might have been of much longer duration.

Many other drives followed; also operas and concerts, until Julia realized that Mr. Blair was fast winning her heart. She gave no thought to the nephew of her guardian. "He can have the money,"

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[SYNOPSIS.—The physician of a well-to-do city family decrees that the father must go to Colorado for his health, and that the wife and mother must accompany him. As a result, the children move out of the palatial family home and have to seek less pretentious quarters in an undesirable part of the city. A teacher, Miss Prince, boards with the young people and proves a great help to them in the planning of their home life and in devising ways and means for increasing the income of the household. Nan, the oldest sister, plans to do mending as a means of earning money, and each of the older children bravely does his part to help out. Good news comes from Colorado. Christmas, with its joys, was followed with a long, dreary winter, two of the children being sick with the measles. The early spring news from Colorado, too, was somewhat disquieting. Miss Prince is visited by her brother, who becomes the center of interest.]

"Well, it's a shame!" declared Madge. "And I s'pose he's an old bald-headed thing, 'most a hundred, and looks at you through his glasses, and says 'Um-m' every time he begins to talk."

"Oh, I say!" cried Charley. "You've seen him somewhere!"

Madge tossed her head complacently. "I don't need to see him," she said loftily, "I've seen professors before."

She walked on again, while Charley winked behind her back; and just as they reached their own door, Miss Prince came out, followed by a stranger, neither old, nor bald-headed; no, not yet spectacled, but quite "youngish," as Madge instantly noted; dark haired, tall, and good looking. And Miss Prince was saying, "There is Madge, John," and presenting "My brother, Professor Prince," while

Eclipse of the Thorntons

BY RUTH HAYS

poor Madge stood speechless and scarlet with confusion.

"Oh, you mean thing! she whispered hotly, as Miss Prince and her brother passed on. "I'll pay you off for this, see if I don't," while Charley began another war dance as soon as he was inside the gate.

"You said he was bald headed," he cried. "I don't think he is a hundred yet? I don't believe he's quite so old as that! And he forgot to say 'Um-m' this time, didn't he? Hey, Madge?"

He dodged skillfully as she made a dart towards him, and scurried into the house before her, while Nan came out to meet them, looking very pretty in her cool, fresh dress. But Madge didn't wait for her sister to speak. She was too vexed for that.

"Oh, Nan!" she began reproachfully. "What did let him come for? He'll stiffen up everything, and we were going to be so comfy all by ourselves. I do think it's too bad!"

"But Miss Prince hasn't seen her brother for a year, Madge," urged Nan, gently. "And, of course, we want to oblige her. Think how good she's been all winter! And it isn't for long—suppose it were you and Charley."

"Pooh! they're grown up. 'Tis likely they care," said Madge, indignantly, and Bob laughed.

"Even grown-ups have a little natural affection left, sometimes, Madge," he said, lightly. "Don't be crusty, old lady—he's all right."

"Is he coming here tonight?" demanded Madge.

unappeased. "Then I shall go and help poor Mary. She'll need me." She marched off to the kitchen in stern disapproval, while the elder ones smiled a little.

"She'll be all right," said Nan, softly. "And she really can, too—you'd be surprised to see her. 'It's a great notion of cooking she has,' Mary says."

"Good for Madge! She'll be a prize some day. But I say, Nan," looking at her with frank admiration. "Aren't you rather stunning this afternoon? What's up?"

"Oh, I meant to make things a little festive for the children because school is out," answered Nan. "We're going to have a good dinner, and Mary is making strawberry short cake for dessert, to celebrate a bit."

"Luck for the professor! He'll never want to go away, once he's tried Mary's short cake," laughed Bob. "Jacky anywhere around? I'm going up street and may as well take him along. Over with the little Morgans? All right! I'll stop and get him."

Meantime Madge's wrath was evaporating with her work. "Mary," she said presently, as she hulled the ripe berries, "I was going to write a book, but I don't seem to get much time, and anyway I've got stuck in it; so I guess I'll learn to cook instead, wouldn't you?"

"So I would then," returned Mary, energetically. "It's a deal usefuller. What would you be writin' a book for, an' the house overrun with 'em now?"

"All right, then; I'll cook. I'll make popovers for breakfast tomorrow if you'll let me. And look here,

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Miss Morris as Camille



Miss Morris as Mrs. Multon



Miss Morris in "47"

IT WAS by Dr. Richard Burton, then literary adviser of the Lothrop Company, Boston—the man who had just landed "Stage Life"—that I was introduced to Clara Morris. We had been consulting on some literary matter when Mr. Burton broke in upon the conversation abruptly:

"Oh, by the way, Clara Morris is to be here tomorrow. Do you know, you two women ought to know each other; you will be great friends?"

Clara Morris came, we were introduced, and, in less than an hour, we were wondering why we had never met before. In less than a day we knew that we should have a warm place, each in the other's heart, for life—we had read and read together—we had talked volumes. And to hear Clara Morris talk, if you are of a kindred spirit, is to know her and to love her.

Born a decade or two too late to appreciate, by personal knowledge, the powerful histrionic ability of this great emotional actress, it is as a writer, and more essentially as a woman, that I have known her; a woman reaching out for the betterment of all human conditions, stretching always a helping hand to the poor, the forsaken, the friendless. One day, after my friendship had become established with Mr. Harriott as well as with madam, he said to me: "I suppose you are surprised at the kind of people Clara sometimes draws about her. I used to remonstrate with her in our early married life, but I've stopped now. One day I was more harsh than usual in my judgment of a case in hand—it seemed to me there was no mortal power could bring the girl to her senses—when the madam turned on me: 'Fred Harriott,' she said, 'when will you remember that you are only a man? You can know nothing of that girl's temptations. If I guard her now, there is a chance that I may save her; by and by it will be too late. Do you realize what too late means to a woman? If I let her go now, and she falls, the price of her soul may be on my head. If such a girl wanders from my side once, I shall welcome her back, twice, thrice, as long as I know there is good in her heart.'"

A characteristic little incident took place, I believe it was in Buffalo, N. Y., which went to demonstrate the fact often attested by Mr. Harriott, that it is an absolute impossibility for the madam to keep money. A woman came to the hotel and asked for Clara Morris. Mr. Harriott, himself, went down, hoping to ward off anything disagreeable, for he is well used to the demands made on the madam's generosity. When he saw the woman, he was not favorably impressed. She had a stolid, expressionless face and had the marks of an impostor. He felt like denying her outright, but she was not the kind to give up, so he took her name in to Clara. "You don't need to see her, you know," he said hopefully. "See her!" exclaimed Mrs. Harriott, of course I will see her. Why, Fred, that woman saved my life once when I was poor and friendless and hungry!" This, with all the dramatic ardor she had ever infused into her rendition of Camille or Miss Multon. Mr. Harriott, knowing his wife, supposed this woman might have given her a few coppers once in her struggling girlhood, so he called her in, leaving the two in conference.

CLARA MORRIS

A TRIBUTE OF FRIENDSHIP

By GRACE ADELE PIERCE

After a considerable time, he went back; the woman was gone and his wife met him with a reproachful face. "Oh, Fred," were her first words. "If you hadn't let her come. Why, she is starving, and I would never have known." "How much did you give her?" was Mr. Harriott's practical question—"a five or a fifty?" He never found out.

Clara Morris, as a lecturer, made a new and vital success. She lectures as she talks, and she talks as she used to act—there is all the fire and fervor of a dramatic portrayal in her voice, her expression, and her words. I have been spellbound through a dreary, rainy afternoon—Clara Morris propped up on a bed of pain and talking—I have listened until the dingy old Theater of the '60s became a thing of the present—until Camille and Miss Multon became living women and the old stage surged with the life of "Article 47." This woman seems to possess the power of assuming the entire role—she seems to know the old plays by heart, every detail as true as in the days of her acting.

Several years ago—seven or eight, I believe—I approached a well-known and aged manager in regard to a lecture engagement for madam. He had deteriorated from his old standing, but was still active. "Why, bless your soul," was his amused comment to my inquiry. "What do you think you know about Clara Morris? I knew her before you ever saw a theater. I am the man who brought her out as an imp in 'Black Crook.'" Here was something interesting—I must hear more, so I

questioned. "Yes," he went on, "she was the plainest, the most angular and awkward little girl that had ever applied for work. She was so silent and poorly dressed that I wondered. I doubted her ability to even take the part of an imp. I doubted, until I saw her face, and then, somehow, I had a different feeling. 'What can you do?' I asked. 'Anything,' was the quiet reply. 'I've studied Juliet and all of them!' And will you believe me," went on the enthusiastic old manager, "it was true, and she not quite thirteen. That girl knew every line of every part in the 'Black Crook,' too, before she had been with it a month."

With her manifold gifts, it is impossible for Clara Morris ever to assume the role of "a back number." It was one day during the height of her lecture popularity, and I was passing hurriedly through the corridor of the hotel to the presence of my friend, when I was accosted by a gentleman. He was a fine looking man, somewhat past middle age, and he said: "I beg your pardon, madam, but I see you are the only person admitted to the apartments of Clara Morris." "Yes," was my reply. "Mrs. Harriott is very delicate as well as very busy, and it is impossible for her to see anyone but her closest friends." "Will you bear a message for me?" he said, in his courtly Southern manner. "I want you to tell Clara Morris for me that there is no decadence in her power; that there was an old fellow in the audience today, who used to follow her company from city to city through the South, who shed tears for Miss Multon and Camille and quivered under the representation of the Sphinx and Jezebel; and he sat today, just as he used to sit, with tears rolling down his cheeks, so lost that he didn't know but he was a young man again."

This was just after Clara Morris had given her famous lecture, "A Peep Behind the Scenes," and this man, in unison with the other ten thousand individuals in the audience, had been swayed to smiles and tears and utter forgetfulness.

I was with her in the waiting room that day. She was in ill health and much flurried when we got there. Some mistake had been made, and the wait was much longer than we had anticipated. Mrs. Harriott was taken with her inevitable stage fright—it is the real thing, whatever other actresses may say, and pitiful to behold—the blue, drawn lips and the shaking hands.

We helped her onto the stage, heard the burst of applause and laughter, and knew that all was well, for with her, as with all true artists, the stage fright is only a promoter. What she said was: "Just give me time to catch my breath. I have been doing this thing ever since I was thirteen years old, and I am just as frightened today as I was the first time." The audience, of course, took it as a joke and laughed, but it was the truth.

This much for her lecture work; of her writing I will say nothing, as it speaks for itself. To the past generation, it was the marvelous histrionic power that revealed the heights and depths of this woman's nature; to the present generation, it is her pen which has opened hitherto unguessed vistas; but to the friend, past or present, it is her own personality which holds the enduring charm.

For An Anniversary

By Flora Charlotte Finley

A happy wife is a bride away!
Minute by minute, day by day
The hours and the years pass swift away
With time for work and time for play—
Oh, a happy wife is a bride away!

Orange blossoms with perfume sweet
Scatter their fragrance before your feet,
Rise and fall with your heart's beat—
Now golden fruit and blossoms meet,
Marking the years that have passed so fleet.

A happy wife is a bride away!
Minute by minute, day by day
The hours and the years pass swift away—
God's blessing rest on you for aye,
And blessings on your wedding day!

Pulpit Talks on Love, Courtship, Marriage, Home

MOTHER, THE QUEEN OF THE HOME

By REV. CHARLES EDWARD ODELL



HE young Jewess who won the admiration of Ahasuerus, the king of Persia, above all the chosen maidens of his realm, and who delivered her people at the risk of her own life, is one of the most prominent women in Jewish history.

From Eve to Mary, women have repeatedly appeared in most prominent places on the pages of sacred writ. The history of Israel finds some of its most wonderful situations in the exploits of Deborah, Jael, Judith; while, on the side of evil, Delilah, Jezebel, and their class, are not less conspicuous. There was a freedom enjoyed by the women of Israel that was not allowed in the more elaborate civilizations of the great empires of the East, and this developed an independent spirit and vigor not usually seen in Oriental women.

In the case of Esther these good qualities were able to survive the external restraints of her court life, and teach her skill and diplomacy, since she had to most carefully choose her course amidst the greatest dangers to her people and herself. The beauty of her character and achievement was in the fact that she was not spoiled by her great and sudden elevation. To be the one favorite, out of all the select maidens of the kingdom, and also to know that she owed her privileges and position solely to the king's fancy for her personal charms, did not ruin her grace, interest, and earnestness in behalf of her people.

The unchanged simplicity is first seen in her loyal, submissive obedience to her guardian, Mordecai, after she attained her high position. Though she is honored as queen by the great king, she does not forget the kind, humble porter who reared her from childhood. She had been accustomed to obey this grave old Jew in the days of her youth, and hence in the days of her queenly powers, neither Mordecai nor her humble, enslaved people were forgotten, though she risked her life to importune the king in their behalf. Having found favor, the king, desirous to grant her wishes, asks: "What is thy petition, Queen Esther, and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request, and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom."

It is an old story repeated. A king governing, with a scepter of power, a whole people. A woman governing, with the scepter of love, of personal charms, of real earnestness, a king. It is the story of the power behind the throne, and that power a woman. A power behind the profession, behind the business, behind the work, behind the home, governing quietly, gently, sweetly, but most effectively.

The question, "Is marriage a failure?" is very often asked. Sometimes in jest; sometimes in earnest. When I hear that question, I think of the many evil influences that are at work to destroy man's profession, business, work, home. I think also of the sweet, strong, abiding influence of a true noble woman, and I reply, true marriage is never a failure.

Man needs something to make him an integral part of society. There is nothing that can give him a place in the true, highest social realm, like the enjoyment and responsibilities of a home. There is nothing in this world so mighty in its power to drag a man from his selfishness, as the strong love of a pure woman in the blessed atmosphere of a delightful home. There is nothing more powerful in its influence for social purity than the weak arm of an innocent babe. It matters not how rough the man's life may be, how strong the ties of association, how sinful and wicked the life, to feel the warm flesh of a little cheek, the close embrace of a little arm and hear that little innocent voice say, "Papa, I love you," touches the heart and arouses slumbering manhood.

Go take your place on the streets of any city, or manufacturing town, and watch the crowd of



There is Happiness in the Simple Home Life.

toilers as they go to, or return from, their day's labor. Study their faces. No matter how hard and drawn their features may be by grim work; how plodding their walk, how tired and listless their appearance, you can read much of their history as they pass. Go into the busy marts of trade. The markets, the stores, the banks, everywhere, and, whatever there may be of worry, care, disappointment, and failure, written on each feature, there, too, you may know much of their personal history. To the great majority of all classes there is, consciously or unconsciously, a woman's face beckoning them on; a woman's sympathy and moral support holding them up. On the faces of some you may read the anticipations of the love they seek; others reveal love's fondest realization in a home

where waits a loving wife and blessed children to welcome them at the close of the day.

Woman, if she be true, has almost godlike power. Woman, if she be base and false, has the full power of a demon. Every woman in the home must be either a help or hindrance. I do not simply refer to the material help or hindrance; that is highest and best which is sympathetic and spiritual. Every man in his most serious moments feels the need of the strength that only a spiritual woman can give him. There is nothing that can so impart confidence and courage in the midst of life's battle as the feeling that he has at his side a woman, a companion, whose life is true and spiritual.

There is one grand and all-absorbing right that every wife has, and that is the right to make home happy. She may never have been able to understand and enter into your highest ambitions, but she has the power to make home the most attractive place on this earth—the only calm harbor of refuge in this world of toil and moil. You know as well as I that this outside world, this world we call the business world, the world of trade and labor, is full of strife and contention.

O, woman, thank God that you have a home, and that there you may be queen. Better be there than wear a royal crown, or carry the purse of a princess. Your home may be humble, but you can gild it with glory supernal.

When you desire to get the grandest idea of a queen, you do not think of one clothed in satin and ermine, seated upon a throne of carved ivory and gold, but rather you think of that plain but truly noble woman who sat opposite your father at the table or walked arm in arm with him a down the sometimes thorny pathway of life; anon to the place of thanksgiving and rejoicing, to the open grave, but always there with strong womanly heart—a helpmate, indeed.

You remember her as soothing your griefs, correcting your childish waywardness, joining in your little pleasures, hearing your evening prayers. Yes, you remember how on cold nights she tucked you snug and warm in bed, how she petted your cheek and told you not to be afraid. You remember how incessantly she toiled for you from early dawn till night, often sitting up long after the others had retired, to sew and prepare your clothing for the next day. Possibly you remember in that last day as she lay dying, you saw her take those poor, thin hands with which she had toiled for you so many years, and putting together in a dying prayer, commend you to the God whom she loved and taught you to trust.

You cannot think of her today without a rush of tenderness that stirs the deep fountains of your soul, and you feel as much a child again as when you cried out your sorrows in her lap. If you could call her back again to speak just one more word, to call your name tenderly as she used to call it, you would throw yourself prostrate before her, embracing her feet, and cry "mother."

When we consider the fact that it is woman who at the very gateway of life receives the babe, moulding his character is that formative period of life; when we consider that it is very largely her influence that determines the child's ideals; when we consider that the home she makes is the child's world for so many years, can you think of a realm over which any earthly queen may reign that has more responsibility, or receives more of the real glory of heaven?

A little book I have, which contains memorials of a mother in the middle rank of life, who, after her own training under godly influences, brought up a large family to noble manhood and womanhood, rich in the service of God and of mankind. This book contains the hallowed impressions these sons

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Mother's Growing Old

By Marietta Carpenter

"Mother's hair is turning white,
More she feels the cold,
And her step is not so light;

Mother's growing old.
Growing old! each silvered hair
That we've helped to make
Tells of sacrifices made
For her children's sake.

"Mother tires quickly now,
Less her dear hands hold;
Lines are deep'ning on her brow,
Mother's growing old.
Growing old! Those lines of care
That, alas, we've laid
Tell of heartaches and of prayers
For her children made.

"Mother reads her Bible through
Glasses rimmed with gold;
Ah, 'tis plain and sad to view
Mother growing old.
Growing old that she might give
Us a mother's love,
Helping us so we may live
In the home above.

"Mother's form is spare and bent,
Illness we behold;
For us life and health are spent,
Making her grow old.
Growing old lest careless feet
In wayward paths might roam;
Growing old to give each day
Us a home, sweet home."

ORI-CULTURE A DEPARTMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL WHO GROW FLOWERS BY EBEN E. REXFORD

Beauty

ple." We have nature, though she is at work, attention to what does. We seem, that man-made shows the ear- before we ignore her, and the re- a little worse ave you never in who makes a forest? The first trees about the or how beauti- y and by, when e saplings, and t apart, because s for years for or three of the old trees.

from the sta- had such beauty as the trees he plants ants half a lifetime for —may never develope into. For, say what any one may about it, no tree that grows up under man's supervision ever has the grace, the dignity, the strong beauty that characterizes the tree that nature has reared. One such tree is worth a score of our ordinary "shade trees." It is a thing to respect, to revere, to make friends with. Can you ever work up a feeling of sentiment in connection with the tree that has been planted, and pruned, after the plan adopted by Tom, and Dick, and Harry? I can not. The sentiment has been pruned away from it.

It is with everything else as it is with our trees. We shut our eyes to the beauty on every hand and set about "improving on nature." If we were not so blind, so foolish in our own conceit, we would rea-

lize how futile all our efforts must be. We work by imitation, while nature works by instinct. The divine instinct of beauty, that cannot make a mistake. I, have often wished we might organize a society whose aim should be the preservation of whatever is beautiful. Not for the sake of improving on it, as some matter-of-fact member might attempt to do, under the impression that man, being "the noblest work of God," according to a rather antiquated opinion, can do things better than anybody or anything else. Rather with a view to keeping before us the master pieces of beauty, which we can never attain to, unless, by long loving and close companionship with nature, we are taken into her confidence and find out some of her secrets. We want to get rid of the idea that, being man, we are superior to everything else in the universe. As men, we may be entitled to the veneration we give ourselves, but we cannot overlook the fact that we have our limitations, our shortcomings. Let us look for natural beauty, everywhere, and having found it, let us endeavor to preserve it for those who come after us. But we cannot make a success of this most laudable undertaking until we disabuse our minds of the belief that, simply because we are men, we are in all respects superior to the great elemental forces which wrought the beauty to be seen all about us. We must get rid of some of our stupendous self-conceit, and put ourselves in a position to recognize the ability of nature in directions as yet beyond our ability to copy successfully.

The Abutilon

This plant, often called Flowering Maple, because of the resemblance of its foliage to that of our native tree of that name, and sometimes Chinese Bell-Flower, because of its pendant, bell-shaped flowers, is an excellent subject for house culture. It blooms freely, requires only a moderate amount of care,

and is not often attacked by insects. Its flowers are borne on long, slender stems, and have a very graceful appearance as they droop among the luxuriant foliage. There are several varieties in general cultivation. Some have red flowers, some pink, some yellow, and some white. Some have beautifully variegated foliage, especially Savitzi, with broad cream and white markings on a light green ground, and Eclipse, dark green and yellow. The latter variety is of drooping habit, and makes a fine bracket plant.

The habit of the Abutilon is sturdy and upright, but unless it has some attention in the way of pruning and training it often takes on an awkward shape. The best result is secured by training in tree form. Keep it to one straight stalk until it reaches the height where you would like to have the head of your little tree form. Then nip off the top. Very soon branches will start along the stalk. Rub off all of these except three or four nearest the tip. When these have grown to be three or four inches long, nip off their ends. In this way, by persistent effort along the nipping line, you will soon secure as many branches as are needed to give you a bushy, compact head. If it seems to be thin at first frequent nipping will cause it to thicken up. Such a plant makes a fine ornament for the bay-window, but is rather too large for the ordinary window.

The Abutilon grows well in any soil that suits a geranium, which is only another way of saying that it will do well in almost any soil you see fit to give it. Water moderately. It is easily grown from cuttings. A large, well-grown specimen is very useful for porch decoration in summer. Few plants stand severe cutting back as well as this one. I have frequently cut away nearly all the branches on an old plant, and in a short time it has renewed itself completely.

Worth While Opinions of Worth While Men About Conservation

Herewith is presented a most interesting symposium of opinion regarding the vastly important subject of conservation. Following are excerpts from addresses delivered by the persons named at the first conservation conference:

President-Elect William H. Taft

"The conservation of National resources is a subject to which the present administration has given especial attention. The necessity, for a comprehensive and systematic improvement of our waterways, the preservation of our soil, and of our forests, the securing from private appropriation the power in navigable streams, the retention of the undisposed of coal lands of the government from alienation, all will properly claim from the next administration earnest attention and appropriate legislation. * * * Our children will not be able to make headway if we leave to them an impoverished country. Our land, our waters, our forests, and our minerals are the sources from which come directly or indirectly the livelihood of all of us. The conservation of our natural resources is a question of fundamental importance to the United States now."

Hon. William Jennings Bryan

"* * * It should be our purpose, not only to preserve the nation's resources for future generations by reducing waste to a minimum * * * we should see to it that a few of the people do not monopolize that which in equity is the property of all the people. The earth belongs to each generation, and it is as criminal to fetter future generations with perpetual franchises, making the multitude servants to a favored faction of the population, as it would be to impair, unnecessarily, the common store. * * * This gathering will

be remembered by future generations, because they as well as ourselves will be the recipients of the benefits which will flow from this conference. We have all been strengthened by communion together; our vision has been enlarged and the enthusiasm here aroused will permeate every state and every community."

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons

"No policy of our national government is more in keeping with those democratic principles upon which our republic is founded than the conservation of our natural resources, and none is to have a greater influence upon the future prosperity of our land.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie

"We are nationally in the position of a large family receiving a rich patrimony from thrifty parents deceased intestate * * * Now, the first duty of such a family is to take stock of its patrimony; the next to manage the assets in such manner that none shall be wasted, that all be put to the greatest good of the living and their descendants."

Secretary James R. Garfield

"* * * Why should a great resource, which is owned by the people at large, be used by private interests, by somebody that is looking only to his own benefit, and not to the benefit of the people of the country. The people as a whole own these natural resources. They are not divided. But the people as a whole, as I say, own them, and it is for them to determine whether those resources shall be used for the benefit of all, or shall be turned over to be used unregulated for the benefit of those who may perchance first get

a foothold in any special locality. * * * In any law that is passed, in any theory of disposition that is adopted, we must look not only to their conservation and use, but we must look to the prevention of their monopolization * * * in the hands of a few favored interests."

Secretary Elihu Root

"I regard this meeting as marking a new departure, the beginning of an era in which the states of the Union will exercise their reserve sovereign powers upon a higher plane of patriotism and love of country than has ever existed before."

Mr. James J. Hill

"Of all the sinful wastes of man's inheritance on earth," said the late Professor Shaler, 'and all are in this regard sinners, the very worst are the people of America.' This is not a popular phrase, but a scientific judgment. It is borne out by facts. Every nation finds its hour of peril when there is no longer free access to the land, or when the land will no longer support the people."

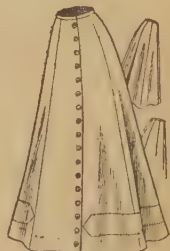
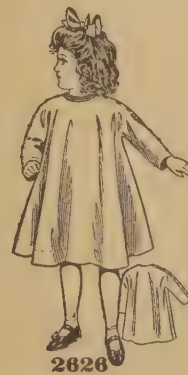
Mr. John Mitchell

"In our mad rush for spoils and profits we not only waste and destroy those material resources with which God has so bountifully endowed us, but we press forward in the race, sacrificing, unnecessarily, the lives and the comfort of our fellow-beings. It seems to me that the time has come when we should stop for a moment and think—not alone of those inanimate things that make for comfort and prosperity, but also of the men, and the women, and the children, whose toil and deprivation have made and will continue to make our country and our people the most progressive and most intelligent of all nations and of all the peoples of the earth."

Vick's Perfection Patterns

FROM THE LATEST PARIS AND NEW YORK DESIGNS

By MARIE MORRELL



Complete Description of Perfection Seam-Fitting Patterns Shown on Preceding Page

By MARIE MORRELL

2141. Misses' semi-fitting coat. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the coat requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2147. Misses' circular skirt, with or without center-front seam. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt with center-front seam requires three and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2237. Ladies' semi-fitting coat, in three-quarter length. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the coat requires three and one-half yards of material 36 inches wide.

2247. Ladies' seven-gored plaited skirt, closed at left side of front and in ankle length. Seven sizes, 22 to 34 waist. For 26 waist the skirt requires six and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2429. Ladies' three-button cutaway jacket. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the jacket requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2432. Ladies' three-piece skirt, closed at left side of front and with an inverted box-plait at center back seam. Seven sizes, 22 to 34. For 26 waist the skirt requires five yards of material 36 inches wide.

2344. Ladies' semi-fitting jacket. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the jacket requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2341. Ladies' seven-gored flare skirt. Eight sizes, 22 to 36. For 26 waist the skirt with nap requires five and five-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide; without nap, it requires five and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2435. Ladies' tucked shirtwaist, with back yoke. Six sizes, 32 to 42. For 36 bust the waist requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2396. Ladies' five-gored skirt. Eight sizes, 22 to 36. For 26 waist the skirt requires four and five-eighths yards of material, with nap, and without nap, it needs four and one-fourth yards 36 inches wide.

2428. Girls' and children's one-piece dress—known as the envelop dress. Six sizes, 2 to 12 years. For a girl of 8 years the dress requires two and five-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

1405. Misses' and girls' guimpe, with simulated yoke and high, Dutch or square neck. Six sizes, 6 to 16 years. For a girl of 12 years the guimpe requires one and five-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2397. Boys' shirtwaist, with separate turndown collar. Seven sizes, 3 to 15 years. For a boy of 9 years the shirt requires one and seven-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2379. Boys' knickerbockers. Eight sizes, 2 to 16 years. For 10 years the knickerbockers require one and three-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2388. Misses' sailor blouse, with kimono armholes, removable shield and long or three-quarter length sleeves. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the blouse, made of one material, requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2391. Misses' nine-gored plaited skirt. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt requires four and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide, with nap, and without nap, it needs four yards 36 inches wide.

1792. Ladies' dressing-sack, with loose front and semi-fitting back. Eight sizes, 32 to 46. For 36 bust the sack requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2624. Boys' Russian suit, consisting of a blouse in "Gibson" style with a removable shield, and sleeves plaited at bottom or finished with wristband and knickerbockers. Six sizes, 2 to 7 years.

2661. Child's box-coat. Five sizes, one-half to 7 years. For a child of five years the coat requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2656. Boys' overcoat, with removable shield. Five sizes, 2 to 6 years. For a boy of 4 years the coat requires three and one-fourth yards of material 27 inches wide.

2628. Girls' coat. Five sizes, 6 to 14 years. For a girl of 10 years the coat requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2622. Girls' dress, closing at back. Five sizes, 6 to 14. For a girl of 10 years the dress requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2625. Ladies' tucked shirtwaist. Six sizes, 32 to 42. For 36 bust the waist requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

1938. Ladies' yoke dressing-sack, with three-quarter length sleeves, and with or without collar. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the sack requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2645. Ladies' three-piece skirt, closing at left side of front and in medium sweep or round length. Seven sizes, 22 to 34. For 26 waist the skirt requires five and one-half yards of material 36 inches wide.

2630. Child's dress, with body and sleeves in one, high or low neck and sleeves in full length or short flowing style. Five sizes one-half to seven years.

2650. Boys' blouse or shirt blouse, with back yoke facing and with or without permanent turn down collar. Six sizes, 5 to 15 years. For a boy of 11 years the blouse requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2626. Child's two-piece dress, closing on shoulders. Four sizes, 1 to 7 years. For a child of 5 years one and three-quarters yards of material 36 inches wide.

The Life Story of a Snowflake

By Ethel Terry Reeder

[SYNOPSIS.—Uncle John tells an interesting life-story of a snowflake to a group of children, and one of them writes it out and sends it to his Cousin Ralph. First, the snowflake was a drop of water, then evaporated and joined many others in a huge cloud, sailed over Africa, ran into a mountain, again became a drop of water, rushed down the mountain, over monster falls, flowed along down the great Nile river into ancient Egypt, where it saw the Children of Israel being lashed and driven by their Egyptian taskmasters, also beautiful temples.]

PART II.

Soon night came down quietly; the stars came out one by one; and the moon rose and shed its pale light over the water. All I could hear was the low gurgling of the river. Everything had been quiet for a long time, and the moon was almost ready to go down, when I was startled by a rustling among the flags and looked up. Standing on the bank was a Hebrew mother with her babe in her arms; and close behind her was her little daughter carrying a queer looking basket made of rushes and covered with pitch. The woman wrapped the little one close and tucked it snugly into the basket. Then she pushed it out among the rushes. As soon as she had made sure that it would not float out into the river she hurried off, but the little girl stayed not far away. My companions and I moved gently to and fro. The basket rocked, and the little one slept.

Not long after the sun rose the next morning I heard the sound of voices, and saw a company of women coming toward the bayou. From the attention the others paid to one tall, handsomely-dressed young woman of the company, I decided that she was some rich lady, and that they were her servants. They were just ready to go in bathing when the lady saw the basket among the rushes, and told one of her maids to get it.

2652. Misses' nine-gored skirt, closing with buttons down left side of front and with inverted box-plait at the back or in habit style. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt requires three and one-half yards of material 36 inches wide.

2641. Ladies' tucked shirtwaist. Six sizes, 32 to 42. For 36 bust the waist requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2562. Misses' semi-Princess dress, with a removable chemisette, long or three-quarter sleeves and an attached seven-gored skirt. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the dress requires five yards of material 36 inches wide.

2621. Ladies' one-piece work apron. Three sizes, 32, 36 and 40. For 36 bust the apron requires three and three-fourths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2655. Ladies' kimono, wrapper and sack. Four sizes, 32, 36, 40 and 44. For 36 bust the kimono wrapper requires five and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide and the kimono sack needs two and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide.

2627. Ladies' semi-Princess dress, closing with buttons down left side of front, consisting of a waist with separate collar and cuffs and an attached seven-gored skirt. Seven sizes, 32 to 44.

2636. Girls' and children's kimono, with body and sleeves in one. Six sizes, 2 to 12 years. For a girl of 8 years the kimono requires two and three-fourths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2547. Ladies' dress in high or low neck, with Empire back and full or elbow length mousquetaire sleeves. Seven sizes, 32 to 44.

In her efforts to get the basket the maid pushed me away from the bank, and I was soon in the great river again, rushing away to the sea.

Once in the sea, I moved more slowly, simply drifting into the current until one day the tide carried me up on the beach, where I was dipped up and carried away to a place where I was put into a pan with some other boiling water, and boiled for a long time before I had time to expand and float away. When I did succeed in expanding sufficiently to float, I found that I had left in the pan all the salt that I had gathered up out of the sea. However, I was used to changes by this time; so I only wondered what would come next.

I floated and drifted for a long time; but finally it grew dark, and I began to feel cold. When morning came I was clinging to a blade of grass in a beautiful garden. A little girl came by, and cried, "Oh, see the pretty dew-drop!" but just then she touched me, and I fell right down at the roots of a plant. The moisture I gave it was the very thing the plant needed; so it grew, and sent up a beautiful flower to the sunlight. A young girl picked the flower, and carried it away to a room where a sick woman lay.

Again I floated away as vapor, became part of a cloud, fell as rain, and soon found my way into the river. I was moving along with the rest of the water in the river when I heard a noise ahead. It grew louder and louder, and soon I plunged over a great waterfall. I was beaten into spray on the stones below, and helped moisten the gray, moss-covered rocks that rose high above the fall on each side. Soon I gathered myself together, and finding my way back into the stream, rushed on.

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At Home With the Editor

Happy New Year!

Gladsome words these! Reassuring, too, as they ring out on the frosty morning air of winter, fond utterance from lips of love that but echo forth affection's joyous heart-song,—a song that can be both seen and heard,—yes, seen,—as out from the visage of him who voices it, spirit-like, there floats heavenward man's misty breath, "pillar of cloud," tangible embodiment of his "happy New Year."

As an essential condition to one's wishing all a sincere Happy New Year, he must needs have driven from his heart all ill-will toward anyone which may have been cherished there; he must needs have forgiven all "who have trespassed against him." What better time is there during all the livelong year to "forgive and forget" than at the dawning of the new year? Sometimes it seems a most difficult task to forgive those who, we think, have wronged us. At such times it is well to remember that when He, in whose honor we celebrate the glad holiday-time, was on the cross and was being taunted and maltreated by his enemies, even then, He uttered this sublime prayer, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." If, at that supremely trying moment, He could feel forgiveness for those who were so cruelly wronging Him, how much more should we cheer-

fully forgive those who may do us some trifling injury. By so doing will we be able to wish all a Happy New Year.

Turning Over a New Leaf

The birth of each New Year brings with it to most of us a goodly supply of high resolves and purposes. This annual laying in of loftier ideals and nobler aims is often spoken of as "turning over a new leaf." Fortunate is it that so many, at the opening of each new year, do thus; more fortunate is it if the ideals then conceived are higher and higher each succeeding year; and more fortunate still, if all the good resolutions of each bright New Year's Day are realized in our lives during the succeeding twelve-month.

Not only do individuals, at stated periods, change their manner of life for the better and "turn over a new leaf," but fortunately institutions, states, and nations do likewise. Notably is this true of the United States, where popular government has found its best expression. Illustration of this fact is found in the great Conservation Movement in this country that is now gaining such gratifying headway under the intrepid and inspiring leadership of President Theodore Roosevelt. Whereas up to a few years since, our people were criminally wasteful of nature's apparently limitless bounty and seemed to think our great natural resources could never be exhausted, now they are awakening to the startling fact that we are rapidly approaching the end of our timber and mineral supply. During the second Cleveland administration, in harmony with recommendations of the President, Congress made a beginning by enacting legislation providing for national forest reserves. The McKinley administration strongly supported the new policy, and secured its wider extension. But it remained to the Roosevelt regime to give a tremendous impulse to the Conservation movement, to arouse an enlightened public sentiment regarding the same, to broaden its scope, and to plan well-considered and definite constructive measures that cannot fail to prove largely effective in preserving and conserving the generous heritage wherewith nature has blessed our nation, for the benefit of our children and all who come after us.

It is most gratifying to know that no partisanship obtains as to this vastly important subject, and that the work, so auspiciously begun under a Democratic President, has been so splendidly carried forward under two Republican administrations with the hearty approval of the most prominent statesmen of the opposition party, and is to be continued and aggressively pushed under President W. H. Taft, who will be inaugurated March 4 next. How our people are going about it to "turn over a new leaf" as to Conservation is beautifully emblemized in the striking and artistic design that embellishes our first cover page. It is earnestly to be hoped that the good example which our much-beloved Uncle Sam is giving in this matter will be followed by our entire citizenship, and that all will learn how, better than ever before, to practice in their

everyday home and business life, the splendid virtues of true thrift and wise economy.

Conservation on the Farm

Nowhere else is it so easy to be wasteful as on the farm, and nowhere else is it so important that the precepts of wise economy be carefully observed as on the farm. The faithfulness with which such precepts are followed measures the entire difference that exists between success and failure in farming. Not only does the wise farmer seek to save and use to best possible advantage "every scrap" that enters into the economy of farm life, but he makes a careful study of soil conditions, so replenishes the soil with fertilizers, and rotates his crops as to "keep up his land" and not utterly exhaust and impoverish it. In the early history of nearly every western state, farmers almost universally planted and replanted their land to wheat year after year, until it had become utterly worn out and the farmers themselves were almost bankrupt. Later, learning from bitter experience, most of these farmers wisely went into stock-raising, and thereby "brought up their land" to something of its old-time efficiency. The successful farmer knows that it is not so much what he takes off from his land and sends to market that makes him permanently well-to-do, but the earning power which he conserves in the land he tills.

Conservation in the Home

The prosperity of families not a few is often only a dream, because of the wastefulness and extravagance of the wife and mother and the daughters whom she rears. In the first place, such housewives seem to be wholly devoid of sense and judgment in making needed purchases for the household, and, secondly, they are wholly unable to make such purchases go far in the home. Garments unwisely bought are soon run through with; the fine art of mending and "making over" is wholly unknown, and as a result other purchases soon have to be made. Likewise, the same waste obtains in the kitchen. Provisions are unwisely bought and great quantities of food are ruthlessly thrown away that might easily be transformed into other toothsome dishes. And so, year after year, this extravagance goes on and the family is always in reduced circumstances, it matters not how hard the husband and father may toil and struggle to "get ahead." The children, raised in such a place, by charity called home, become even more wasteful and extravagant than are their parents, and when they, in turn, set up households of their own, the sad story of improvidence is repeated, and often enlarged upon. How exceedingly important is it, therefore, that vastly more attention be given in our schools to the wise instruction of our future homemakers in true domestic science and household economy. If the spirit of true Conservation be not found in our homes, its ascendancy elsewhere will be of little enduring value, for without prosperous and happy homes, national well-being is impossible.

Helping Young Men and Women

How much real good persons of wealth and influence might do in helping young men and women to obtain an education to fit themselves for usefulness, and then finding for them opportunities to use to advantage their educated talents! Indeed, one need not be wealthy to enter upon this work. One with a small fortune and moderate income can do great good in this way. Set aside a few hundred dollars for this purpose, keep a good, sharp lookout for youth of promise, and loan them a portion of the fund thus set aside, and thereby help them to an education that will prepare them for that position in life to which they are best suited. Within a few years at most, ninety-nine out of every hundred thus selected and thus assisted will earn the money loaned, and will return the same, together with good interest if desired. As this money is returned, use it to help some other deserving young men and women, and thus keep the good work going. A friend of the writer stated to him that in the last few years he has helped many young men and women in this way, and that he has not yet lost a single dollar by reason of the unfaithfulness or failure of any of them. The plan is a good one. Try it. It will pay splendid dividends.

HOW I TOOK MY WRINKLES OUT

After Massage Creams and Beauty Doctors Had Failed

BY HARRIETT META

Trouble, worry and ill-health brought me deep lines and wrinkles. I realized that they not only greatly marred my appearance and made me look much older, but that they would greatly interfere with my success, because a woman's success, either socially or financially, depends very largely on her appearance. The homely woman, with deep lines and furrows in her face, must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister.

I, therefore, bought various brands of cold cream and skin foods and massaged my face with most constant regularity, hoping to regain my former appearance. But the wrinkles simply would not go. On the contrary, they seemed to get deeper. Next I went to a beauty specialist, who told me she could easily rid me of my wrinkles. I paid my money and took the treatment. Sometimes I thought they got less, but after spending all the money I could afford for such treatment, I found I still had my wrinkles. So I gave up in despair and concluded I must carry them to my grave. One day a friend of mine who was versed in chemistry made a suggestion and this gave me a new idea. I immediately went to work making experiments and studying everything I could get hold of on this subject. After several long months of almost numberless trials and discouragements, I finally discovered a process which produced most astounding results on my wrinkles in a single night. I was delighted beyond expression. I tried my treatment again, and lo, and behold, my wrinkles were practically gone. A third treatment—three nights in all—and I had no wrinkles and my face was as smooth as ever. I next offered my treatment to some of my immediate friends, who used it with surprising results, and I have now decided to offer it to the public. Miss Gladys Desmond, of Pittsburgh, Pa., writes that it made her wrinkles disappear in one night. Mrs. M. W. Graves of Bridgeport, Conn., states: "There is not a wrinkle left; my friends say I look 20 years younger. I consider your treatment a godsend to womankind." Mrs. James Bars, of Central City, S. D., writes: "The change is so great that it seems more a work of magic." I will send further particulars to any one who is interested absolutely free of charge. I use no cream, facial massage, face steamings or so-called skin foods; there is nothing to injure the skin. It is an entirely new discovery of my own and so simple that you can use it without the knowledge of your most intimate friends. You apply the treatment at night and go to bed. In the morning, lo! the wonderful transformation. People often write to me, "It sounds too good to be true." Well, the test will tell. If interested in my discovery, please address Harriett Meta, Suite 160, Syracuse, N. Y., and I will send you full particulars.

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The Floral Question Box

By Eben E. Rexford

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Asparagus Cactus.—(Mrs. J. H. G.) If your asparagus has filled the old pot with roots, turn out the ball of earth, and cut it apart in such a manner as to make several divisions, each having a crown, or growing point. You will find this more satisfactory than putting the old plant into a larger pot. The long, strap-leaf Cactus you have probably belongs to the Phyllocactus branch of the family. Keep the plant quite dry when not growing. Apply a good fertilizer when growth begins. Give plenty of heat and sunshine. Use a soil of clay and sand. I would not advise removing any of the branches that have formed on your "knobby" Cactus, because the more "knobs" there are, the more attractive the plant—to a lover of this class of plants.

Primroses.—(Mrs. E. S. L.) The reason why your Primroses are not doing well is, of course, not known to me, because I know nothing about the care they have received. If these plants are potted in a soil that is rather light and spongy, and are kept moderately moist at the roots, and in a light place, at a temperature of about 75 degrees, they ought to do well, provided they were healthy to begin with. Drainage must be good. The crown of the plant must be so elevated that water never collects about it. Perhaps, from these general directions, you can tell wherein your treatment of the plant has been wrong.

An Old Grapevine.—(Mrs. L.) If the old vine is of a variety worth cultivating, I would advise cutting away most of its branches, and letting it renew itself by the production of new ones, next season. Fertilize the plant well. Fasten it to a post, and arrange for support for the new branches as they develop. Do not allow many to grow, and nip off the ends of them when they have reached a length of six or eight feet.

Azaleas.—(H. E. K.) These plants should make an annual growth of branches shortly after the completion of the flowering period. At this time, they should be kept in a temperature of 70 or 75 degrees and showered well daily. In summer, sink the pots in the ground, but be sure to see that they never get dry at the roots.

Transplanting Onions.—(F. C. S.) If your soil is what it ought to be, there is no reason why you should not be able to grow Onions in it, and this without transplanting the seedlings. Make it fine, work it over until whatever fertilizer you use is thoroughly incorporated with it, and sow the seeds on the surface, pressing it down, afterward, with a board.

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SUCCESS WITH POULTRY

By E. A. SMITH

To make a success of a flock of poultry, we must have as near as possible these conditions:

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Second—Similarity of Appetite. To get eggs from a hen, she must be just in the proper condition of flesh, neither too fat nor too lean. In either of these states, she is not in business form. The Brahma has a strong tendency to fatten.

The Leghorn is all nerve and will stand heavier feeding. In a mixed flock, some get too much, while some get too little.

Third—Similarity of Age. Adult hens and pullets will never do well together. The one, having her growth completed, needs only food to supply waste tissue and to produce eggs. The other needs enough to supply waste tissue, to produce eggs, and to grow her frame.

Better mark your chickens with a punch, so as to tell their age. Pullets give a very much greater profit as egg-producers than hens. Yearling hens come next. Either do better when separate than when allowed together.

Now, if even pullets and yearling hens do not go well together, how about the average flock on the farm, composed of birds all the way from late fall-hatched up to the patriarchs of the flock, that even a butcher feels a twinge of conscience to call "spring chickens?" Judging by the apparent age of some specimens I have seen, Noah, during the time of the deluge, must have had several first-class incubators in operation. Never, as a rule, keep a hen longer than the second season. Put her on the market in July or August, just before she begins to moult. The market, as a rule, is higher then than later on, and the hen is about through her season's production.

The first two points I have mentioned are only possessed by a flock of thoroughbreds or high-grades. Besides, nearly all admire the beautiful, and what is more pleasing than a flock of poultry as nearly alike as two peas? I doubt if anything is ever gained by one cross, for if we are after any particular line of poultry, our standard-bred varieties are so numerous, one can be found to just suit our needs.

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Then see that these birds are properly housed. The best house is the scratching shed house, built on an elevated spot, with a southern exposure, as near

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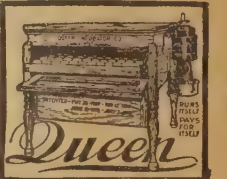
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How to Deal With Dahlias

By EBEN E. REXFORD

IT used to be supposed that the dahlia could not be grown successfully at the north, unless it was started into growth very early in the season. Our summers were believed to be too short to bring it to satisfactory development. Tubers were potted in March and April, and started into growth in the living room. The result was, almost invariably, a weak, indling plant, that lacked the strength necessary to adapt itself to the change of conditions when it was put into the ground at the coming of settled warm weather. Here it would merely exist for weeks before it accumulated strength enough to attempt development, and the natural consequence was that it was late in getting a real start, and late in coming into flower. Generally frost would put an end to it just about the time it was ready to bloom well. This explains why the impression prevails to a great extent that we of the north can do nothing with the dahlia unless we "get the start of the season," and it also explains how we fail to get this "start."

The fact is, the dahlia does not require any such treatment. It is not necessary to start it into growth in the house. If we give it a very rich soil and keep it well supplied with moisture at its roots, it will come forward with surprising rapidity, develop in a short time, and give us flowers for a period of at least six weeks, if we tide it over the danger of the first frosts.

Perhaps I cannot better illustrate my method of treatment than by giving some of my personal experience with this plant. One season I ordered my dahlias from an eastern dealer, but they did not reach me until the last day of May. I put them into the ground on the first day of June. The tubers were all small ones—none larger than one's finger—and their sprouts were just beginning to start. I had prepared the ground for them long before they came to hand, expecting to put them out early in May. The soil had been spaded deeply, and heavily manured. In less than a week after the tubers were set out, most of them sent up shoots, which grew with astonishing rapidity. Early in July the plants began to bud, and at the summer session of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society, held August 28, I carried off seven prizes for dahlias, and every one of these prizes was a first-class one. This with flowers from plants put into the ground on the first day of June. Now I had set out these plants not expecting to realize any returns from them in the way of bloom. But my success was so far ahead of anything in my past experience that the following year I carried out the same treatment, and with the same results. Since then, I have grown all my dahlias in this way, and I have had earlier flowers from them, finer flowers, and more of them, than I ever had before. Those whom I have advised to try this method report successes equal to mine, and I therefore feel justified in urging others to adopt this treatment. Summed up briefly it is this:

Make the ground mellow to the depth of a foot and a half.

Make it very rich.

Keep it moist throughout the season.

Do not attempt to start your plants into growth before they are put into the ground. Do not put them out until the soil is warm.

If the above advice is followed, they will begin to grow immediately after planting, they will make a strong, vigorous growth because all conditions are favorable to such a growth, and they will keep going steadily ahead. That is the secret of it—keep them on the move from start to finish, and do this by generous feeding, providing plenty of water, and avoiding the check which results from starting the plants into head growth in the house, and then putting them out before the soil is warm enough for them.

It will be seen that this treatment greatly simplifies matters. There is no little work connected with potting the tubers early in spring and caring for them for several weeks, until it is safe to trust them out of doors. I consider that one of the most important features in this "new departure" in dahlia-growing is that of doing away with the "set-back" which pot-started plants almost invariably get when they are put into the open ground. This, and the debilitating effects which result from starting the plants into growth under conditions not favorable to healthy development. The "new" treatment does away with these features altogether, and gives us strong, sturdy plants that get the right kind of a start and lose no time in "getting down to business."



STELLARIA

By Stokely S. Fisher

Faint star of the chickweed defying the frost,—

Though frailest of flowers, in bloom all the year;

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Wherever there grows a green thing to cheer,

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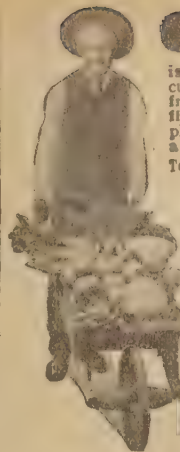
Faint star of chickweed defying the frost—

Though frailest of flowers, in bloom all the year.

Thy humble and homely loveliness lost
Beneath the glad garlands when June time was here,

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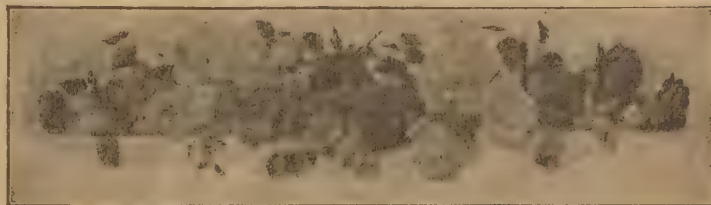
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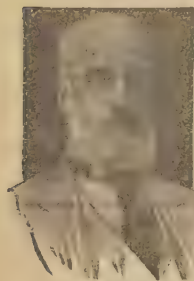
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How Little Folks Can Save

BY CARABEL LEWIS MUNGER

Dorothy was out in the cornfield with Uncle Almond, and the sky over the hills was a lovely pink, and Dorothy sighed, "Oh, if I had a sash I would want it pink, shiny pink, rosy pink, and I'd have it tied with one loop and two ends, and the wind would blow it and it would flutter and shine, but it costs a dollar, and I couldn't earn a dollar in a thousand years;" and then a big tear fell on the little brown hand that lay on Uncle Almond's shoulder.



So dear Dorothy began the very next day to be an ant. Sometimes she just longed to be a grasshopper, and stay in bed late in the morning, or not get the cows when it rained and there were no birds singing in the maple by the pasture bars. Sometimes she saw some of the idle grasshoppers dancing in the grass and once saw a number of ants with a load of grain scampering home.

Often she peeped into the little purse and thought of the candy mice in the taffy-shop window, but she did not take out one penny.

At last came a wonderful day, and she went with mamma to a great beautiful store, and there were great garlands of ribbon hanging in the window, of weather, saving every little grain red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and seed and storing in their pantries and cellars and how they had plenty and were comfortable and happy all winter, and how the grasshoppers sang and danced all summer and died of starvation, homeless and forgotten.

When the story was done Uncle Almond looked lovingly at little Dorothy, "Which will you be, a grasshopper or an ant?" he asked, and Dorothy looked at the pink sky and ran away across the fields home.

The very next day Dorothy's mamma said that every time she found Dorothy's room in perfect order she would put a penny in the little red pocket-book on the dresser, and papa offered 10 cents a week for going after the cows.

And above them all a sash ribbon just the color of a pink cloud, a shiny, pinky, rosy pink, and Dorothy told the clerk to measure off two and a half yards, and then she took fifty pennies and five ten-cent pieces out of the little red pocket-book and gave them to the clerk, and Dorothy's mamma tied the sash around the little girl's waist, with one loop and two ends, and as she went homeward the wind blew the sash, and fluttered it about, and Dorothy looking over her shoulder caught the pink glow, and saw it shine. Thus had Dorothy learned a valuable lesson in saving.

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Miss Fidgety Fudgety Finn

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So let us remember—You, dear, and I, To look for the blessings which everywhere lie. For we never can tell just what we will need, And so it is wisest, and safest, indeed, To throw away nothing; (not even a pin), Lest we meet with the fate of Miss Fidgety Finn. And recall with regret some pin on the floor, Right by the side of our dining-room door.

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Whose Picture?
BY CARRIE KNIGHT

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Household Welfare

BY ALMA D. HEIL

In late fall and early winter every careful householder prepares his house for winter. Furnaces and stoves are put in proper shape to keep the inside of the house warm and comfortable. Doors and windows are made tight, and may be weather-stripped to exclude the cold.

When this all has been accomplished, the question arises: What must be done to keep the air inside the house pure and wholesome after the fires have been started in the heating apparatus. Unless pure air is admitted to the house, the warm air in the room becomes impure, being vitiated by the carbonic acid gas exhaled from our lungs in the process of breathing.

No sane person will drink water that is not clear as a crystal, if he can help it, because the sense of sight will warn him against doing so. But what sense will warn him against breathing foul air?

Carbonic acid gas, a deadly poison, is colorless and odorless; so that our senses of sight and smell are powerless to protect us against this dangerous enemy, and cold reason must come to the rescue. We must breathe pure air, or else disease will attack us.

Nobody will deny this, and that air becomes impure and dangerous by being breathed over and over again. What can be done, then, to protect us against the ravages of this dangerous enemy, carbonic acid gas? The answer is easy: We must ventilate our houses by a simple law of nature, viz., gravitation.

In a heated room it is easy to observe that the air therein is warmer near the ceiling than on the floor. This is because warm air, being lighter than cold air, rises in conformity to the laws of gravitation. By the same law carbonic acid gas, being heavier than air, will sink to the floor, along with

the cooler air in the room. It is here that we can successfully attack and capture the enemy, and drive him out of the house, by cutting near the floor a hole the size of a brick (two by eight inches) in the chimney.

By the law of gravitation the carbonic acid gas along with the cold air on the floor must make its escape up the chimney. Of course a corresponding hole must be cut in the wash-board, into which a register of the proper size may be inserted to open and close at will; or the hole may be covered with a screen made of tin or wire.

A test of the pressure of the air in the room may be made by covering the hole with a piece of paper. The paper will close up the hole hermetically, so that no air can escape from the room. In starting a fire in a stove it is advisable to close up the hole until the fire is in full blast.

In houses where the chimney does not come down to the floor another simple device may be substituted.

Insert a pipe made of tin, three inches in diameter, into the stovepipe, about four inches above the stove; bring it down with an elbow to the floor, and let it rest there on four little feet an inch wide and an inch high. They may be made by cutting off the bottom of the pipe in such a manner as to leave the four feet. The foul air will escape through the pipe.

The quantity of impure air which escapes in this way from the room will be replaced by fresh air coming into the room from the outside with irrepressible force, even through walls of stone, brick, or wood, by the fixed law of gravitation.

Even the poorest family in the land can enjoy, in this simple way, the incalculable benefits of pure air in their home during the close confinement of air, will sink to the floor, along with the long winter nights.

Good Breeding and Gentle Manners

BY JOSEPH N. ROLF

Politeness is kindness manifested in an easy and graceful manner. The list of "Nevers" here appended will give some idea of how many little unkindnesses, often unthinkingly committed, may be avoided:

Never address a lady without first removing your hat. It is not only the polite and proper thing to do, but is a fitting tribute of every true man to womanhood.

Never interrupt the conversation of others without prefacing what you have to say by, "Please excuse the interruption," or "Pardon me, but," etc. Never speak loudly in the room where others are in conversation. A gentleman is always known by the softly modulated tone in which he speaks.

Never, at the table, eat with your knife. It not only does not look well, but is not a safe means of transportation from plate to palate.

Never chew your food with your lips parted. The process of mastication is not an edifying sight for your neighbor, nor is it so well accomplished as

when the lips are closed over the teeth.

Never talk at the table with food in your mouth. If you must talk, let it be between mouthfuls.

Never discuss the food set before you except in complimentary terms; to do so not only makes others uncomfortable, but detracts from your own enjoyment of the meal.

Never leave the table without first carefully folding your napkin.

Never whisper in church. A single hour on Sabbath is short enough time in which to listen with attention to the words of gospel truth.

To Be Accomplished

A young lady may perform on the piano with delicate touch, with expression, with power; may embroider beautifully; may paint exquisitely, and so on to the end of the chapter entitled "Artistic;" yet if she be unable to bake a fine loaf of bread, prepare a good, palatable pudding, make ready an appetizing meal, and do her own sewing, she is not truly accomplished.



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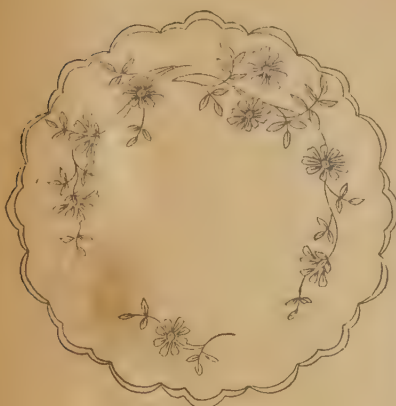


Fig. 1965

New Designs for Household Embroideries

This is the season when careful housekeepers begin to prepare for the annual refurbishing of their interior decorations. No matter if one has a number of pretty centerpieces, there is always a desire to have one that friends have not seen time and again, something new for Easter-time, at least.

Unless you have tried this change in the little home decorations, you will hardly appreciate the feeling of freshness that pervades a room where a new cushion or table cover or a new drape has been added to the furnishings.

A careful selection of several new ideas for the embroiderer has been made for the department this month. Articles have been selected that are used in every home, and care has been exercised to select designs entailing the least possible amount of work.

Centerpieces for the Dining Table

In making up a centerpiece, be sure, first, that the linen used is of a good quality and all linen, not a mixture of cotton and linen. Next select a color scheme that will be pleasing to you, individually, and one that will harmonize with the other furnishings of the room.

Figure 1965 shows a design for that most effective, as well as most quickly wrought, of all forms of needlework, namely, the Wallachian. The colors may be white, green, pink, blue, or a pleasing combination of two or more colors.

Figure 1983 illustrates a centerpiece designed for a combination of Wallachian embroidery and coronation cord. The scroll lines in the design are covered with the cord. The Wallachian circles in this design are a most decorative feature, and they should be embroidered very carefully.

A set of either of the designs would make a splendid Easter or engagement gift. The centerpieces may be had in the following sizes: Design No. 1965, sizes 18, 22, and 27 inches, with a 12-inch doiley to match. Design No. 1983, sizes 22 and 27 inches. The doiley belonging to design No. 1965 could be used with this centerpiece. Any reader ordering either of the centerpiece designs will receive with them a free illustrated diagrammed working lesson. It may be interesting to the reader to know that either of these handsome designs may be had for a very modest sum.



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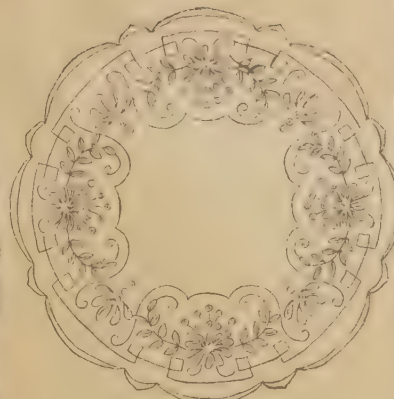


Fig. 1983

Library Table Cover

Figure 2885 illustrates one of the latest idea for a cover for the sitting-room or library table. The material on which the design is tinted is a good weight, natural colored linen. The design is Wallachian, and the colors of the tinting red and blue. Oriental shades of the red and blue are used, however, and the color scheme is subdued and rich. Embroider all the red figures in the design with Grecian floss

A Beautiful Silk Pillow

Herewith is shown an Elk's pillow. Figure 1425 shows the Elk design. The pillow is made of a handsome tan brocade material, mercerized until it resembles silk. The color of the material harmonizes beautifully with the colors of embroidery silk required.

Pillow Shams

The pillow sham is to the bed what the collar is to a woman's costume—a necessary finish. No matter how handsome may be the bedspread, no matter how artistic the furnishings in the room, if the pillows be left uncovered, there is an air of incompleteness. The design may not be elaborate, but there certainly should be some handwork on the pillow shams. Figure 41 and Figure 44 show two very pretty sham patterns.

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No. 1425



Fig. 41

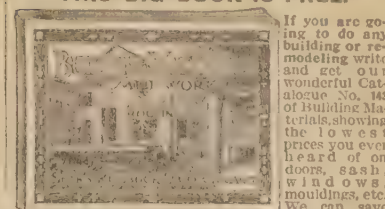


Fig. 44

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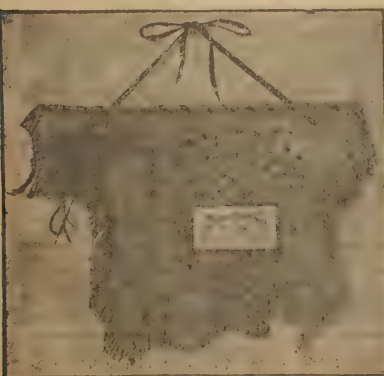
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BY ALICE MAYNARD BORDEAU

ORANGE PIE.

Pour two cups of boiling water over one-third cup of cornstarch dissolved in as little water as possible. Cook until clear, add one-third cup of orange juice, one cup of sugar, the yellow portion of the rind of one orange, and set aside to cool. Beat four eggs, keeping the whites of two for meringue; add to the warm orange mixture, and pour into the crust.

ORANGE SOUFFLEE.

Peel and slice four large oranges or six small ones. Arrange the slices in a glass dish, and sprinkle evenly with pulverized sugar. Over this pour a dainty custard. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth, and add four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Spread this meringue over the custard. Place bits of currant or quince jelly on the meringue. This makes a very artistic dish.

ICED ORANGES.

Peel and divide the oranges into segments, removing carefully the white skin. Dip the fruit into the beaten whites of eggs and then into pulverized sugar, repeating the process several times.

ORANGE ICE.

Boil two cups of water and one cup of sugar. Grate the yellow portion of the rind of two oranges, add to the syrup, and boil a few moments. Add the juice of six oranges to the cool syrup, strain, and freeze.

ORANGE SAUCE.

Select two sour, well flavored oranges, wash and wipe well. Scrape lightly with a fork, to break up the oil cells. Rub one-half cup of sugar

over the oranges until the sugar is well flavored. Heat one cup of water, and when boiling, add one-half tablespoonful of cornstarch. When the starch is cooled, add one-half cup of orange juice, and sweeten to taste with the flavored sugar. Serve hot on cereals, or steamed or baked pudding.

A PINCH OF SALT.

Many an otherwise excellent and palatable dish is utterly ruined by careless seasoning. Some cooks seem to be guided by a kind of instinct in this matter, and never trouble themselves to measure every pinch of salt or lump of butter, and still the dishes they serve are above the criticism of an epicure.

It is not putting it too strongly, perhaps, to say that a dish which is oversalted is ruined—no matter what its excellencies in other respects may be, and no matter how much care may have been given to it. A pinch of salt, more or less, has been the beginning of many a wretched day, and perhaps laid the foundation for many a case before the divorce courts.

LEMON SNAPS.

Cream two and a half pounds of sugar with a pound of butter, add eight beaten eggs, three pounds of flour in which has been sifted two ounces of cream of tartar and one of soda, and add some lemon extract. Bake in a moderate oven.

GERMAN WATER CAKES.

Rub a pound of butter into two pounds of flour, add a pound of pulverized sugar and mix with sufficient milk to a dough. Roll out very thick, cut into the desired size, and place on clean buttered tins. Prick with a docker or fork and bake light in a slack oven.

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Bath and Toilet

By Mrs. M. D. McKee

Wrinkles and How to Avoid Them

Much is said and written about the disfigurement of wrinkles. There are always two sides to every question. It may be helpful to ladies who dread wrinkles to consider this subject.

Old age will come. There is no escaping the flight of Time. We hurry on with it, despite our unwilling and heavy-weighted feet, that move but slowly, as the years hasten on.

Beautiful Old Age

What is more lovely than a beautiful old age? Gray hairs and wrinkles tell their story, it is true. But, ah! there lies my balsam for sensitive hearts. Came there those wrinkles because of smiles, or because of frowns? Because of loving, sympathetic, cheery good will toward all, or because of cross-grained high-tempered sharpness, and scolding, frowning ill will toward others? A vast difference it makes as to whether wrinkles are becoming, or are worn as a badge of the selfish, unlovely heart hidden within the breast. How plainly the daily developing character is written out upon the countenance. The beholder who reads human nature understands the marks that Father Time and his character-building leave on human faces, and he rejoices at the sight of one whose facial architecture reveals a noble heart, a kindly life. "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance;" and while none can be always merry, there can be cheerfulness, even amid the trials that inevitably come. The mind has everything to do with the outward life, visible to others in two phases, namely, the physical, as seen in the body, and the spiritual, as seen in the spirit manifested in our relations toward one another. Unselfish living will reveal a beautiful countenance, winning the beholder and cheering the discouraged.

Bathing the Face

Bathing the face in cold water every morning with a vigorous rubbing with a huck towel will serve to tone and harden the muscles. On retiring at night, wash the face thoroughly in hot water, cooling off with cold water. Rub lightly with a soft towel, and then rub in a little simple unguent like pure vaseline, cold cream, or their lanoline, and wipe dry with a flannel cloth kept for the purpose. This last direction, however, need be followed only two or three times a week. Too much ointment on the face has a tendency to produce a hairy growth.

Value of Laughing

Exercise the muscles by laughing and relaxing suddenly, and by raising the upper muscles under pressure of the fingers, and relaxing. Brisk rubbing, and washing the face with pressure from the chin up, instead of from the brows down, will strengthen the muscles.

Cold water is a tonic; too much hot water is debilitating and relaxing. One hot bath a week and several tepid baths with a cold spray or pour, and brisk rubbing, will tone the entire system.

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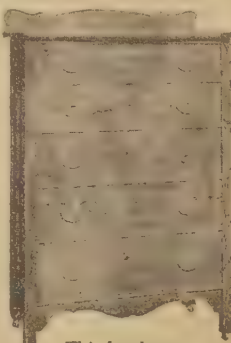
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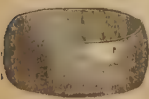
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Conservation of Life, Limb, and Health

By THE EDITOR

The most valuable asset of any nation is its human life. Yet how carelessly wasteful are we of this most precious heritage. We are doing more, by far, every day to safeguard and protect our treasured gold than we are to save from needless death our men and women, our sons and daughters. Worse than the ravages of all our wars is the "slaughter of the innocents" caused by preventable accidents on our railroads, in our mines,

we do not have many, many more fatalities—so careless are we.

According to latest statistics available, in railroading alone we are killing 3,361 employees and seriously injuring 66,833 more, the total number of men employed being 1,382,196. In 1889, we employed 704,743 men and killed 1,972 and injured 20,028. What do these figures show? Simply this: though the number now employed is not twice what it then was,



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That we are often criminally careless in our mad rush for gain and gold is forcibly illustrated by the picture herewith published, through the kindly courtesy of the Chicago Charities and Commons, wherein is shown small buildings in a great city, in which dynamite is stored only 200 feet away from a railway track, where trains are passing all times of night and day. The wonder is,

we are killing or maiming fully three times as many of our railroad employees. Where one railroad man in 35 was killed or injured in 1889, now 1 in 19 is killed or injured. This alarming increase should shock, alarm, and arouse the entire nation to apply a remedy, and that speedily.

Going down into the deep, dark, and dangerous mines, from whence comes (Concluded on page thirty-one.)

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No. 513

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No. 573



No. 554

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Saving the Stockings

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To Keep Butter from Spoiling

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Saving the Carpets

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needle and long stitch; then stitch three or four times across, perfectly straight by a thread of the warp, then cut the filling close to the stitching, and it can be tacked down like a selvage edge. A few rows across the ends of breadths will prevent their raveling when used as a carpet or rug. MRS. C. H. L.

To Save Stove Pipes

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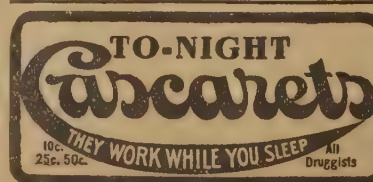
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The Second Conservation Conference

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Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, suggested that every man at the convention should constitute himself into a committee of one to confer with his Senators and Representatives, and when he returned home, induce friends to do likewise, declaring that the pressure of public opinion would become irresistible, and that before the close of this session there would be at least a good start toward securing the desired legislation. He strongly urged the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$50,000,000 a year for furthering the development of our natural waterways.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, at a special meeting held in Washington, put themselves on record as favoring President Roosevelt's policy of conserving the national resources, and voted to urge their chapter regents throughout the country to aid in the campaign of education which they will wage, and a meeting to plan for future work was held in Washington on December 10th.

The Life Story of a Snowflake

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We soon reached the sea again. I was sure it was not the same body of water of which I had been a part before, because it was so much colder; and, too, the people whom I saw out in boats, or on land when I came near shore, looked so different.

One day a wave dashed me against something so cold that I froze stiff, and soon some more drops of water were thrown up in the same way. They froze over me until I was buried so deep in this block of solid ice that I could not see out. I have no idea how long I stayed there.

Finally, I heard a crash, and felt the mass of ice of which I was a part going down. I was sure that we had broken loose from somewhere. Soon we began to rise and float away; for now I was part of a floating iceberg. I could hear the waves dashing around me, and it was not long before I began to feel warmer. Soon I found myself trickling down the side of the iceberg into the sea once more. I can tell you I was glad to be there; but my stay was not a long one. Soon a warm wind blew over the sea and bore me away with it. I floated and drifted for many days; then I began to be cold again, and, with my companions, fell to the earth as a snowflake, and lighted here on your window-sill.

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Winning His Legacy

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she had said, when told the conditions of the will, "but I will not be thrown in. I claim the liberty to choose for myself."

Time passed until the beautiful shades of autumn were speedily appearing, and one day, while entertaining some lady friends, Mr. Blair was seen passing the house.

"Isn't that Elmer Perkins?" one of the ladies asked carelessly.

"I think it is," her companion replied, "although I have not seen him since his return;" and then added, turning to Julia, "I suppose that is no go between you two, even if you do lose all your old guardian's money."

Julia had turned from pink to white, and pink again, the color now dyeing her neck and brow. Mr. Blair had deceived her and was trying to win her in this underhanded manner that he might secure his uncle's vast estate.

"I have found him out," she mused quietly, and after her guests' departure thought long and earnestly over this problem which had come into her life. But in the midst of her soliloquy Mr. Blair himself was announced, and she descended to meet him in a troubled mood.

"It will not be convenient for me to go out this evening," she replied to his invitation to attend the opera. "I am going away soon, and shall have much to attend to before I leave."

"I am sorry to hear you are going away; I trust it is not so far but that your friends will be able to find you," he added in a serious tone. Then, crossing to her side, he seated himself, saying:

"Will you not leave your address and write to me sometimes?"

Julia hesitated for a moment. She could never be happy without this kind friend. That she knew. Yet he had deceived her so shamefully. But before she could decide what to reply he was telling of his love for her and how he had admired her from the first moment of their acquaintance.

"If you will accept my love, you will be all the world to me, for I have seen no other girl that I could ever care to win."

"I must tell you of my life," Julia said, as she drew her hands from his tight clasp. "When but fifteen years of age my parents died, leaving me in the care of an elderly gentleman, a friend of my father's. Six months ago he, too, was taken from me, and by his will I am to marry his nephew, a Mr. Elmer Perkins, if I wish to share in my guardian's estate."

"And so you are to marry Elmer Perkins?"

"I have never met the gentleman; but do you not think I should abide by my guardian's wishes?"

"Suppose you do not admire Mr. Perkins on gaining his acquaintance?"

"Then I shall not marry him. But his uncle spoke well of him; and, loving me as he did, he would not wish me to be unhappy."

"I will not give you up. As for the money, I can do as well for you as this Elmer Perkins; and surely you would prefer to be the wife of a man you know."

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"I cannot go against my guardian's last requests, and maybe I shall like his nephew. His acquaintances all speak well of him. Perhaps he is an acquaintance of yours," she added.

"Yes—I know him," he answered reluctantly.

"Isn't he a good man?"

"Why—yes—it is his intention to do right. But you have never met him, you say. So why cannot you care for me, Julia?"

"Because my guardian did not request that I should marry you."

"But—he would just as soon you would—or, I mean—he would wish you to marry a man you liked."

Julia smiled.

"I shall write my guardian's lawyer that I will abide by the will and marry Mr. Perkins." But Elmer had seen the roguish smile, and, taking her in his arms, exclaimed:

"Julia, you know who I am."

"Yes, and you are a big coward."

"That may be true," he admitted, "but I could not have won your friendship as Elmer Perkins."

"No—it was much better to nearly run over me first, and then tell a big lie."

"But I told no lie. My name is Elmer Blair Perkins."

"That is the truth with its edges clipped."

Elmer laughed heartily, saying:

"I am satisfied that you abide by the will."

"And I am convinced," she returned, while her dark eyes brightened with love, "that my guardian knew just what would make my life's happiness complete."

Pulpit Talks

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and daughters have chronicled of her character, methods, and influence, and I can do no better than to use them to illustrate the real glory of motherhood.

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The cups were passed round. The sub-factor measured out a very small portion to each. They were not men of uncommon sentiment; their lives were rigid and isolated and severe. Fireside comforts under fortunate conditions they saw but seldom, and they were not given to expressing their feelings demonstratively. But each man then, save Cloud-in-the-Sky, had some memory worth a resurrection, and hearts are hearts even under all uncouthness. Jaspar Hume raised his cup, the rest followed his example. "To absent friends and the day when we see them again!" he said; and they all drank. Gaspe Toujours solemnly, as if no one were near, made the sign of the cross; for his memory was with a dark-eyed, soft-cheeked peasant girl of the parish of Saint Gabrielle, whom he had left behind five years before, and had never seen since. Word had come from the parish priest that she was dying, and though he wrote back in his homely patois of his grief, and begged that the good father would write again, no word had ever come, and he thought of her now as one for whom the candles had been lighted and masses had been said.

But Jeff Hyde's eyes were bright, and suffering as he was, the heart in him was brave and hopeful. He was thinking of a glorious Christmas day upon the Madawaska river three years ago; of Adam Henry, the blind fiddler; of bright, warm-hearted Pattie Chown, the belle of the ball, and the long drive home in the frosty night.

Late Carscallen was thinking of a brother whom he had heard preach his first sermon in Edinburgh ten years before, and Late Carscallen, slow of speech and thought, had been full of pride and love of that brilliant brother. But they, in the natural course of things, drifted apart; the slow and uncouth one to make his home at last not far from the Arctic Circle, and to be this night on his way to the Barren Grounds. But as he stood with the cup to his lips, he recalled the words of a newspaper paragraph of a few months before. It made reference to the fact that "the Rev. James Carscallen, D. D., preached before her majesty on Whitsunday, and had the honor of lunching with her majesty afterward." And Late Carscallen rubbed his left hand joyously against his blanketed leg and drank.

Cloud-in-the-Sky's thoughts were with the present, and his "Ugh" of approval was one of the senses purely. Instead of drinking to absent friends, he looked at the sub-factor and said, "How!" He drank to the sub-factor.

And Jaspar Hume, the sub-factor, what were his thoughts?

His was a memory of childhood; of a house beside a swift-flowing river, where a gentle widowed mother braced her heart against misfortune and denied herself and slaved that her son might be educated. He had said to her that some day he would be a great man, and she would be paid back a hundred-fold. And he worked hard at school, very hard. But one cold day of spring a message came to the school, and he sped homeward to the house beside the dark river.

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Conservation of Life, Limb and Health

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(Continued from page twenty-four.) much of our wealth, what do we find? The numerous mine horrors that baffle description would be utterly appalling were they not of such frequent occurrence as to become all but commonplace. Millions read the startling headlines in the papers, make a remark, "Isn't that awful," attend to business, and soon forget all about it, never thinking what their individual responsibility may be in the matter, and what they should do as citizens to prevent the repetition of such catastrophes. Mr. John Mitchell, for years president of the United Mine Workers, estimates that over 11,000 men are killed and injured in American mines every year. Evidently better laws should be enacted regarding mining operations, and those we now have more efficiently enforced.

When we enter the field of general industry, manufacturing, building, lumbering, farming, etc., what do we find? According to estimates of our most expert statisticians, over 500,000 men and women are killed or maimed in the United States every year. When the loss of time of the injured, the expense for physicians, nurses, etc., to care for them, the prospective future earning power of those killed, and all contingent losses are taken into account, it is reasonable to estimate that each accident represents an economic loss of at least \$1,000. And what does this mean? A total loss to the nation, each year, of fully half a billion dollars.

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His host, hurrying to his door, inquired if he could render any assistance.

"Oh, I'm all right, I guess," the president-elect called out, good-naturedly, "but if you don't find me here in the morning, look in the cellar."

Great Interest in Montana

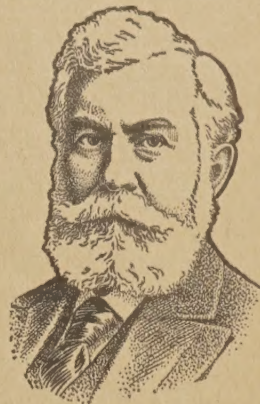
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Eclipse of the Thorntons

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Mary, do you want that professor-man here? I think he's horrid!"

"Nothin' to me," Mary chopped away vigorously. "Might as well cook for seven as six—I don't care. How old is he? Oh, thirty-odd, maybe. What do I know how old he is, only by the looks of him."

Madge drew a long breath of relief. "Well, anyway, he isn't the Fairy Prince. He's ages too old. I'm glad of it, for now I needn't bother about him. Berries are done, Mary—What'll I do next?"

Professor Prince proved so agreeable, however, that Madge soon lost her antipathy. Two weeks ran into three, and no one was in a hurry to have him go; but his work was done finally, and Miss Prince and he were gone, leaving as Charley said, "a great big hole" in the family. The weather began to be very warm, and the little house seemed close and stifling, while the narrow yard was a furnace. Fortune had smiled on Bob. to whom a chance had come, through a classmate, to tutor two small boys through the summer, on their father's yacht, with most liberal terms. And when he was off the rest of the household gleefully betook themselves to Grandmother Thornton's farm in the real country for two weeks. Nan had not known how great the strain and responsibility had been until Grandmother Thornton took it upon her own capable shoulders

and petted Nan almost as he did Jacky. Madge and Charley ran wild from morning to night, and grew brown as berries, and as merry as larks in the free country air.

Nan's only bugbear was the river which ran just below the meadows. Madge and Charley had learned to swim immediately, under old Luke's charge; but again and again did Nan impress it upon Jack that he was never to go anywhere near the river unless Luke were with him.

"If you should fall in, darling," she began one day, holding him tightly, "I,—"

"Old Luke would come along," interrupted Jack cheerfully, "and say, 'Why, here's little Jacky—all drowned!'" beaming happily over the prospect.

Nan's fears, however, were groundless. Luke declared that boys took to swimming "as nat'rally as tadpoles," and soon made a veritable little water baby of the child, while all the household kept a watchful eye upon him, lest he should come to harm.

It was a delightful visit. The Colorado letters were full of cheer. At Christmas the travelers would return, and Grandmother Thornton had a charming scheme for having them all at the farm through the holidays. Indeed, to Nan, the scheme went further.

"The Harrison-street house will not

hold you all," she said. "Now why shouldn't you come here to live? The farm will be your father's some day, and I am growing old, and want my son's family with me. I dread your father's going back into business and the city life, and I should be glad to hand over the reins into his hands here. Bob's scholarship provides for him, and there are good schools in the village for Charley and Madge, and I suppose they will go away for awhile by and by, just as you and Bob did. Your mother will be content anywhere your father and you children are; but you, Nan—could you be content in such a quiet place, I wonder?"

"I should love it," said Nan promptly. "The city is for occasions—Emerson says that, grandma. I've so many friends there, I could go sometimes when there was anything worth while, you know. When I left school I wanted society, and dress, and all that, like the other girls, but I've learned this year that there are better things than those. After all it is the little things that count, isn't it, grandma? And if we are only all well and together, it's enough."

"Little things

On the goden wings,

Bear little souls to Heaven," quoted Grandmother Thornton softly, smiling at Nan's earnest face. "Then we will write to your father and mother at once."

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(Continued in February.)

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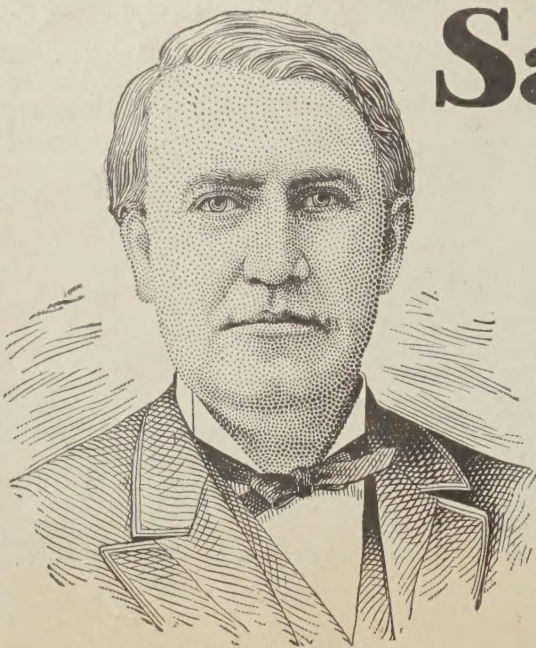
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